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# BRITISH ARMY TAKING INITIATIVE IN DESERT

## ANOTHER GREEK TRIUMPH

Argyrokastron, capital of south-west Albania, has fallen to the Greeks.

Reports received in Athens yesterday state the Italians had been slowly evacuating the town for the past 48 hours and its evacuation was completed on Thursday night.

Effective bombing raids were carried out yesterday by Greek aircraft through narrow valleys in the region of Premeti and on Kilsura.

Greek newspaper reports state the Greek advance in the north is beginning to threaten the Albanian oil fields between the Devolvi and Skumbi Rivers, which is at present Italy's only source of natural oil.—Reuter.

## HITLER'S PEACE FEELERS

Further "peace feelers" from German-inspired sources in non-belligerent countries continue to be put out while the German propaganda machine is still going ahead with its claim that a total German victory is inevitable.

"Peace feelers" came from Budapest on Thursday, and Zurich yesterday. To-day, they may come from somewhere else—but their origin is the same in all cases, Berlin.

In London, semi-official commentators say that Hitler now knows that Germany cannot face a war of attrition and he is trying to find a way out of the morass.

He still needs to keep up the appearance of a series of victories and is shifting from plan to plan, but none of these have come anywhere near a solution from his point of view.

His "terror bombings" have only increased the hatred of the free world for Naziism and its admiration for Britain, while his "New Order in Europe" has merely hardened the resistance of his victims.—Reuter.

## SULTAN OF JOHORE IN CAPE TOWN

The Sultan of Johore, accompanied by the Sultana, arrived in Capetown yesterday on a brief visit. They were welcomed on

## Offensive Against Graziani Possible

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Western Desert)

THE TIDE OF BATTLE IN EGYPT'S WESTERN DESERT HAS GRADUALLY CHANGED RECENTLY AND IT IS NOW THE BRITISH ARMY THAT COMMANDS THE INITIATIVE.

### QUIET NIGHT FOR BRITAIN

After a somewhat later Alert in the London area yesterday the "raiders passed" signal was sounded at one of the earliest hours of recent times.

Reports from the provinces so far show that a number of bombs were dropped on a south-western town.—Reuter.

## WARY NAZI COURSE IN FAR EAST

The Wilhelmstrasse spokesman's remark that Berlin is not influenced by General Chiang Kai-shek's declaration after the Japan-Nanking treaty has led to the disclosure that the Reich attaches the utmost importance to maintenance of existing normal relations with the Chungking Government.

This was cabled from the German frontier yesterday by a special correspondent of the London "Times."

Germany, the correspondent says, is not disposed to contemplate any step in the Far East likely to prejudice her relations with the Soviet, which country has already stated emphatically that she will continue to support General Chiang.

In other words, Germany does not intend to recognise Nanking despite the pact.—Reuter.

behalf of the Government by the Administrator of the Cape.—Reuter.

The tactics of British advance posts, which are well within sight of the enemy, have now become so aggressive that they amount almost to an offensive.

Formerly British mechanised units waited for occasional Italian columns to advance close to their lines before taking measures because they had orders to conserve their equipment.

But now the Italians have been made aware that the slightest move they make outside their entrenched positions will call down upon them a swift onslaught from British mechanised patrols, who are definitely hitting more fiercely than ever before.

The new British aggressiveness does not denote increasing exasperation by British troops thirsting for action, but the fact that what Mussolini called the "cream of the British Army" now facing the Italian army in the Western Desert is now, after months of reinforcement, in fighting trim, fully equipped and at last in a position to decide not whether to do battle but when to do it.

### Vast Supplies

Soldiers who have been in the front line for a few months and have returned to Cairo for leave have been amazed at the vast supplies of war material accumulated in their rear.

Here reserve troops and equipment have not been allowed to stagnate but are being actively employed on large scale training in tactical exercises to accustom newcomers to desert warfare.

I found a marked spirit of optimistic expectation among all nationalities of the British Imperial Army that the time is not far off when they will move forward against those long black patches and rising columns of dust just visible a few miles across the desert which are the Italian front positions.—Reuter.

## KASSALA COLUMN BOMBED

Enemy motor transport concentrations north of Kassala have been attacked by aircraft of a Rhodesian squadron, operating over Italian East Africa.

Enemy positions and transport were heavily machine-gunned, stated an Air Ministry bulletin yesterday, which adds that many reconnaissance flights were also carried out over the whole operational area and valuable information obtained before all aircraft returned safely to base.—Reuter.

## FATE OF MRS. DEEGAN

The State Department in Washington yesterday made an official announcement in connection with the detention of Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan, clerk in the United States Embassy in Paris.

Twice within a week Mrs. Deegan has been invited by the Germans to visit acquaintances at the Cherche Midi Prison.

On the second occasion, on the morning of December 1, two German civilians visited Mrs. Deegan's apartment and invited her to go to Cherche Midi to visit one or more British officers.

Mrs. Deegan went with two Germans; later she returned to obtain warm clothing.

During the evening one of her friends received a message from an unspecified source to the effect that Mrs. Deegan was comfortably lodged and that she would doubtless report for duty at the Embassy on December 3.

Mrs. Deegan did not report, and appropriate action is being taken by the United States Embassy in Paris.—Reuter.

Fascist regime will crack within a year.

If it does not, he says, the people of America will have to do more financially for Britain and her Allies.—Reuter.

## Fascist Crack-up In Year

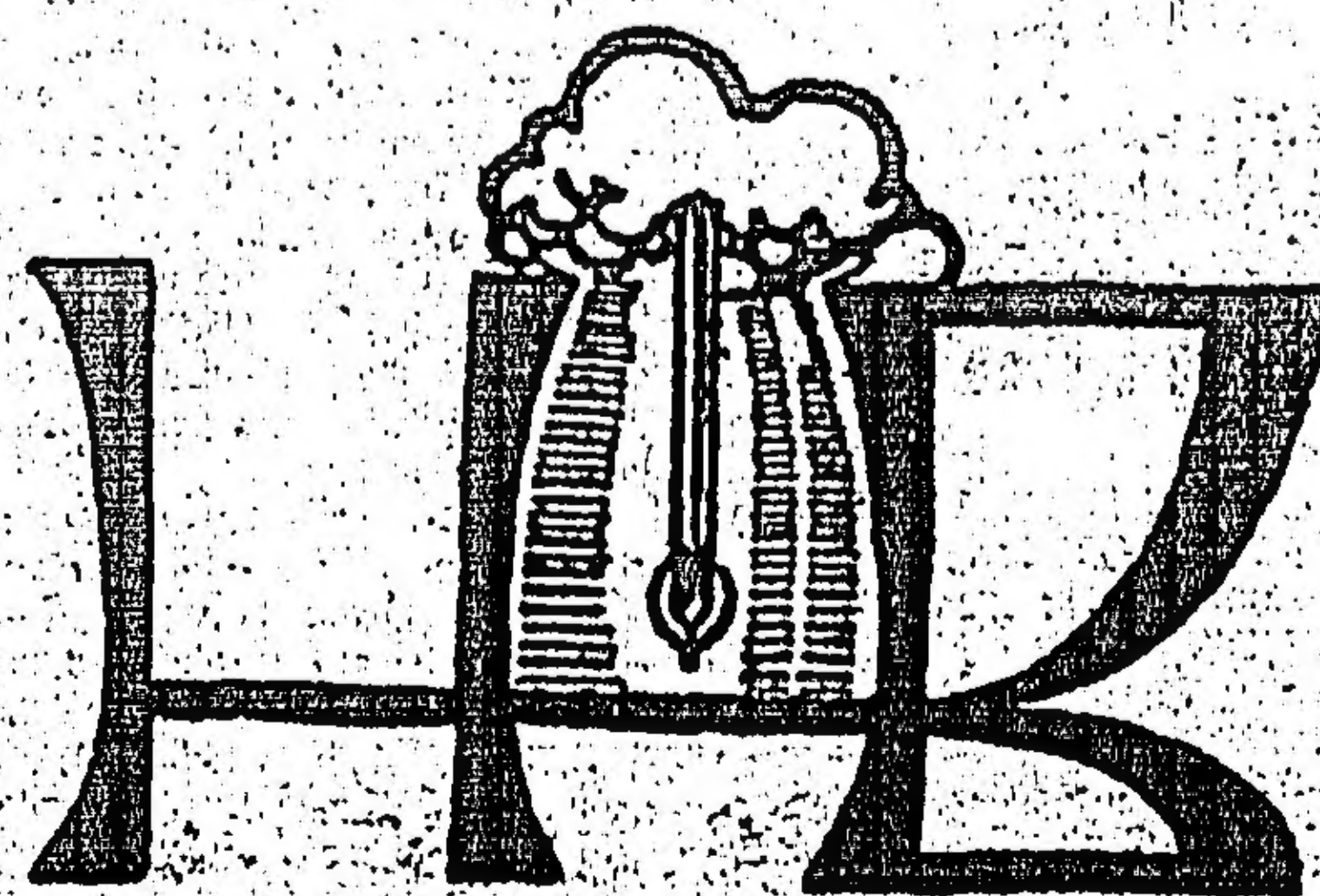
Yet another American who has made an intensive tour of Britain has come to the conclusion that the war will end with a British victory.

He is Mr. Ralph Ingersoll, of the New York paper "PM," and he writes:—

"I am not impressed by German claims of the decisiveness of mass bombing."

Mr. Ingersoll is certain that Britain can win and that the

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# Every Key Town In Southern Albania Falls To Greeks

## Pursuit Continuing Relentlessly

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

**THE GREEK ARMY** appears insatiable. After Koritza and Podgradetz, in the north, after the key town of Premeti, Argyrokastron — last Italian supply base in southern Albania — and Santi Quaranta — the Port of Forty Saints, where less than two months ago Italian troops and ships anchored unmolested and full of hope — have been added to the Greek laurels.

### MUSSOLINI HOLDS SUPPLY CONFERENCES

For the past three days Mussolini has been presiding at the Palazzo Venezia over a series of conferences which have examined the food supply and industrial requirements of Italy during 1941, the Italian news agency stated yesterday. — Reuter.

### ANOTHER DE GAULLE RECRUIT

General de Gaulle has obtained another recruit for the Free French Forces, with an intimate knowledge of colonial problems.

He is Richard Brunet, who was High Commissioner in the Cameroons at the time of the Franco-German armistice and who immediately took steps to continue the war against Germany.

He has just arrived in London and has offered his services to General de Gaulle. General de Gaulle's headquarters announced yesterday that Mr. Brunet, who has been in the colonial service in French West Africa for the last 36 years, has been put in charge of the colonial section of Free French Headquarters. — Reuter.

### AMERICA TO BUILD FREIGHTERS

AMERICAN SHIPYARDS ARE TO BE EXPANDED TO CONSTRUCT 60 FAST 10,000-TON FREIGHTERS FOR ENGLAND, ACCORDING TO AUTHORITY SHIPING CIRCLES IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY.

The British Purchasing Commission and the U.S. Maritime Commission are reported to have prepared a plan by which some "pre-assembly work" such as electrical equipment, deck equipment and engines, will be done inland before being sent to the yards.

The British, according to the same circles, do not intend to build shipyards in the United States because the Maritime Commission believes existing yards can be expanded sufficiently. — Reuter.

But under their brilliant Commander-in-Chief, General Papagos, and inspired by the great statesman and strategist, General Metaxas, the pursuit of the retreating Italians continues relentlessly and according to plan, while Rome gives every sign of turning round desperately for means of saving the situation.

The second big change in the Italian High Command has taken place since the Greek campaign began.

Marshal Badoglio—who won Abyssinia for the Duce but also shared the blame for Caporetto, has been relieved of office as supreme commander of the Italian armed forces.

Latest reports from the front, confirmed by aerial reconnaissance, show that the Italians are still retiring as rapidly as possible towards the small port of Chiamarra, on the coastal road from Santi Quaranta.

North-west of Premeti the Italians are also retreating, leaving behind them Argyrokastron in flames.

But here their retreat is seriously hampered by powerful action by the British and Greek air forces, which have destroyed bridges and roads in the Italian rear.

#### Greek Strategy

The clever Greek strategy, which avoided a direct attack on Argyrokastron and advanced to Premeti and further north first, thus placing the Greek line between the Italians in the coastal sector and the northern front around Elbasan, now promises to bear fruit.

Here the Greeks now hold most of the important peaks.

Elbasan is an important road junction town in the upper central part of Albania, leading directly to the "biggest" port, Durazzo.

#### Italians Try To Form Line

The Italians in the last few days have been moving into positions which indicate an attempt to make a line of resistance between Chiamarra and Tepellai, but Italian hopes of making a stand on the second or third line of defence seem gradually to be crumbling.

If the Italian divisions now retreating precipitately from the south-west cannot make the hoped for stand, some of them presumably will have to make for Elbasan, which, however, is now also beginning to be threatened by the Greek armies in the north-east.

The number of prisoners coming through in the last few days amounts to several thousands, though official figures have not yet been given.

Italian resistance has been determined and there has been a high proportion of officers among their dead and prisoners. It appears that the reformed Julia Division, and also the famous 48th Regiment, have been among the defenders here.

Latest reports from the Lake Ohrida front show that the Greeks are now eight miles beyond Podgradetz.

#### Greek Leadership

The Greek army is commanded by a man who is described by a close acquaintance as "exceptional among Balkan military personalities in his breadth of outlook and sound, moderate views."

General Papagos has never allowed his cool judgment to be shaken by the overwhelming success of his troops.

He is not over-elated by the victory for which he had made full provision in advance. — Reuter.

### JUST A WOMAN WARDEN

This war has already produced many heroines. One of them is a woman air raid warden in a district which was recently bombed.

Her name is Mrs. Parks. She is in charge of a part-time wardens' post.

Mrs. Parks had just gone to bed when the warning came and the bombs began to fall. She jumped out of bed, ran to her post to see that it was properly manned and then waited.

More bombs fell. In pitch darkness, Mrs. Parks had to search through a maze of cul-de-sacs, crescents of semi-detached houses and closes.

#### Bombs Were Falling

As she searched, more bombs fell near, demolishing a bungalow.

Then this woman air raid warden:

Rescued a mother and baby, both injured, and rendered first aid; commandeered a motor-car to send them to a first-aid post; got a stirrup pump and put out a series of small fires and then sent a soldier to a wardens' post with a concise report on the position and condition of things in her neighbourhood.

Before she left the spot everything was completely under control.

She returned to her post to find that her wardens had been stunned by a bomb falling nearby.

#### Eight Hour's Vigil

For the next eight hours she manned the post herself, keeping in touch with other posts ready for any other emergencies.

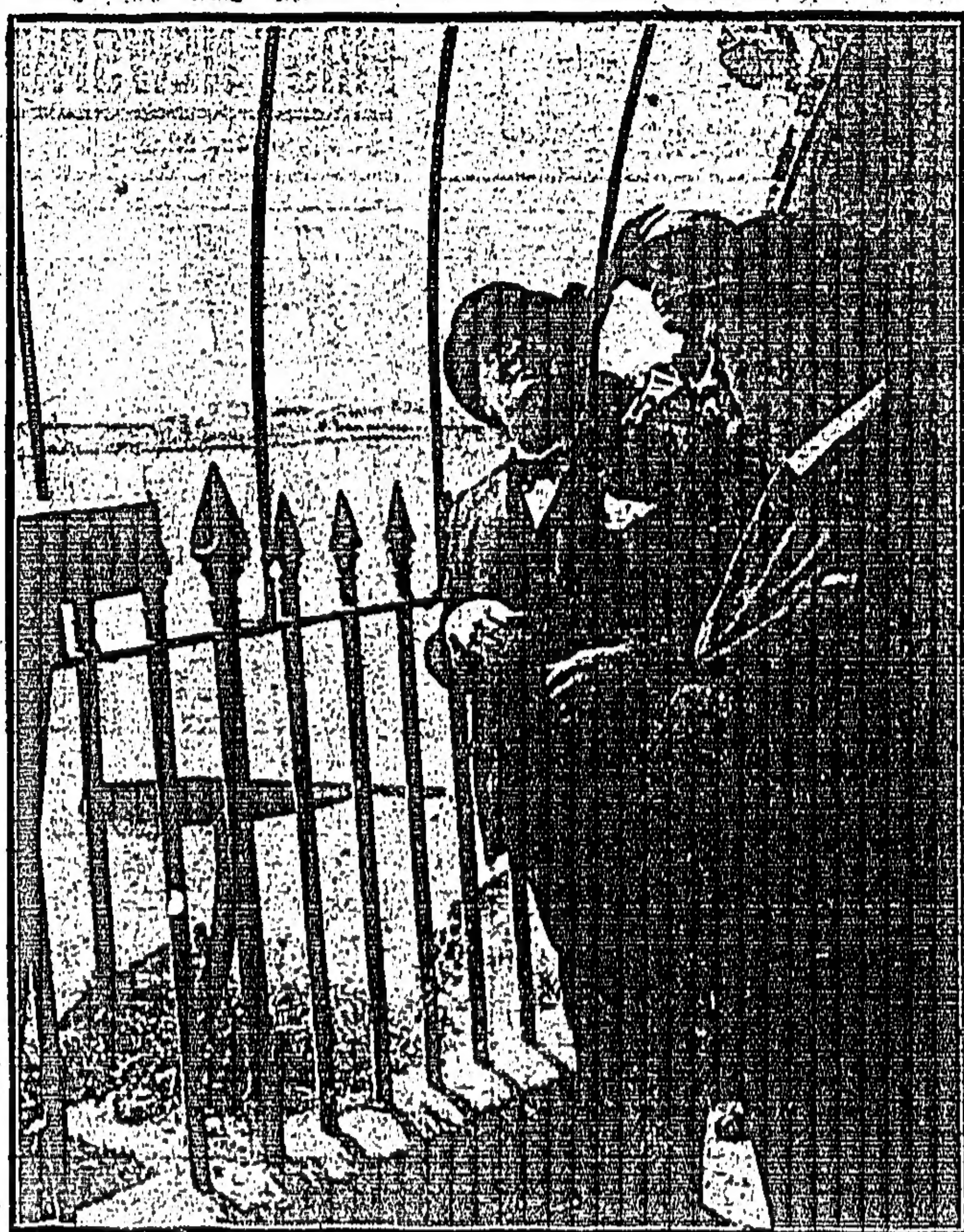
Then she went home to prepare breakfast.

This woman warden did all those things for which she was trained, and she is very hurt if anybody tries to make her out to be a heroine.

Mrs. Parks says she is just a woman air-raid warden.

#### COUPLE WAYLAIN

A young Chinese couple were waylaid by five robbers armed with daggers in Kennedy Road last night. The men relieved them of their money, wrist-watches and other jewellery.



Mr. Winston Churchill paid a visit recently to Dover and Ramsgate where he inspected air raid damage and met local A.R.P. workers. Despite the fact that there was an almost continuous air raid warning during his visit the Prime Minister carried on unperturbed. He saw an air battle in which two machines were shot down into the sea in front of him. Mr. Winston Churchill watching the opening of an aerial battle over Dover. The Mayor is seen in the foreground. (Copyright, Fox).

## BATTALION TAKEN PRISONER ON NORTHERN FRONT

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Yugoslav-Albanian Frontier)

**A WHOLE BATTALION** of Italian troops, including the colonel and four other officers, and one battery of mountain artillery, were captured by Greeks on Thursday night during the storming of the villages of Potkorkani and Andmalina, it is reported here.

Much war material and numerous rifles were also taken.

### WIDOW AND SON GET £9,000

Damages agreed at £9,000 were sanctioned by Mr. Justice Stable in the King's Bench Division in a claim brought by the widow and son of a man killed in a collision between his car and a lorry.

Mrs. Margaret Louis Monins and her younger son, of Ringwood House, Ringwood, Kent, sued B. Paul and Co., Ltd., of Gwynne Place, London, W.C., and the driver of one of their lorries, John Noble, of Edward-square, Islington.

Victim of the crash, on Gorse Hill, Farningham, Kent, last October, was Mr. John Eaton Monins.

Sums of £4,000 each were allocated to Mrs. Monins and

On Friday morning the Greeks captured a highly important position in the Ostrovitsa Mountains, south-west of Moshkopols, on the road leading to Berat, while continuing to make successful attacks along the whole rest of the northern front.

The positions captured yesterday, morning after very severe fighting are described as of great value for further operations.

Some Italian prisoners are reported to have declared they had had no bread for six days and therefore refused to fight any longer.

They appear mainly afraid of Greek night attacks which they describe as "very terrifying." Air activity has been curtailed owing to fog. — Reuter.

her younger son and £1,000 is to go to the estate of Mr. Monins, of which his widow is the executrix. A further £300 damages was agreed for Miss Margaret Nicholson, of St. Margaret's Bay, Kent, who was a passenger in the car.



# SINO-JAPANESE STALEMATE

## Wang Treaty Closes Door To Parleys

THE SINO-JAPANESE SITUATION IS LIKELY TO SETTLE DOWN FOR THE TIME BEING TO A STATE OF STALEMATE, PENDING FRESH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, IN THE VIEW OF WELL-INFORMED OBSERVERS IN CHUNGKING.

Signature of the Nanking treaty between Japan and its nominee, Wang Ching-wei, has, in their view, finally closed the door to all hopes of peace negotiations between Tokyo and Chungking which have persistently cropped up in the past.

## CANADIAN EXCHANGE CONTROL

The War Exchange Conservation Bill, which has just been introduced in the Canadian House of Commons, proposes strong measures for the conservation of Canada's dollar resources.

Introducing the Bill, the Canadian Finance Minister, Col. Ralston, said a further object of the measure was to demonstrate to Britain that "her cause is our cause."

One provision of the Bill forbids the import of many types of luxury goods except from sterling area countries.

A higher tax on imported automobiles will also be imposed and a 25 per cent excise duty on imported radio sets and other electrical equipment.

On the other hand duties on a large number of goods imported from Britain are either reduced or totally suspended.—Reuter.

## GESTAPO CRIME IN POLAND

The ruthlessness of the Germans in deporting all Poles in the western part of Poland to the central province was described in a broadcast from London last night by Dr. Junosza, who was an eye-witness.

Dr. Junosza left Poland in September. He said whole streets were taken at once, though families were often broken up.

Mothers were separated from babies only a few months old. Men, women and children were herded together in goods trucks, without food or water, for a journey lasting up to five or six days.

The trucks were sealed, and when they were opened at the destination, half the people inside were often found dead.

The remainder were suffering from frost-bite, for the temperature was 22 degrees below freezing point.—Reuter.

It is felt in Chungking that Japan's signature of the Nanking treaty was meant chiefly for home consumption and it is suggested that having failed to liquidate the China situation, Japan will turn the whole of her attention to expansion southward.

A high Chinese military authority said he estimated Japan would use ten divisions "for operations in the South Seas."

Japan, it is stated in Chungking, has been withdrawing troops from China for training and reorganisation.

### Blitzkrieg Training

Seven divisions are reported to be undergoing three months training under German military experts, particularly in blitzkrieg tactics.

Their training is expected to be completed early in January. Meanwhile two Japanese divisions are said to be concentrated on Hainan Island, while at least another division could be drawn from Formosa.—Reuter.

## PROMOTIONS IN THE H.K.V.D.C.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to approve the following promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Second Lieutenant Jose Maria Machado Alves to be Lieutenant.

Second Lieutenant Douglas James Smyth Crozier to be Lieutenant.

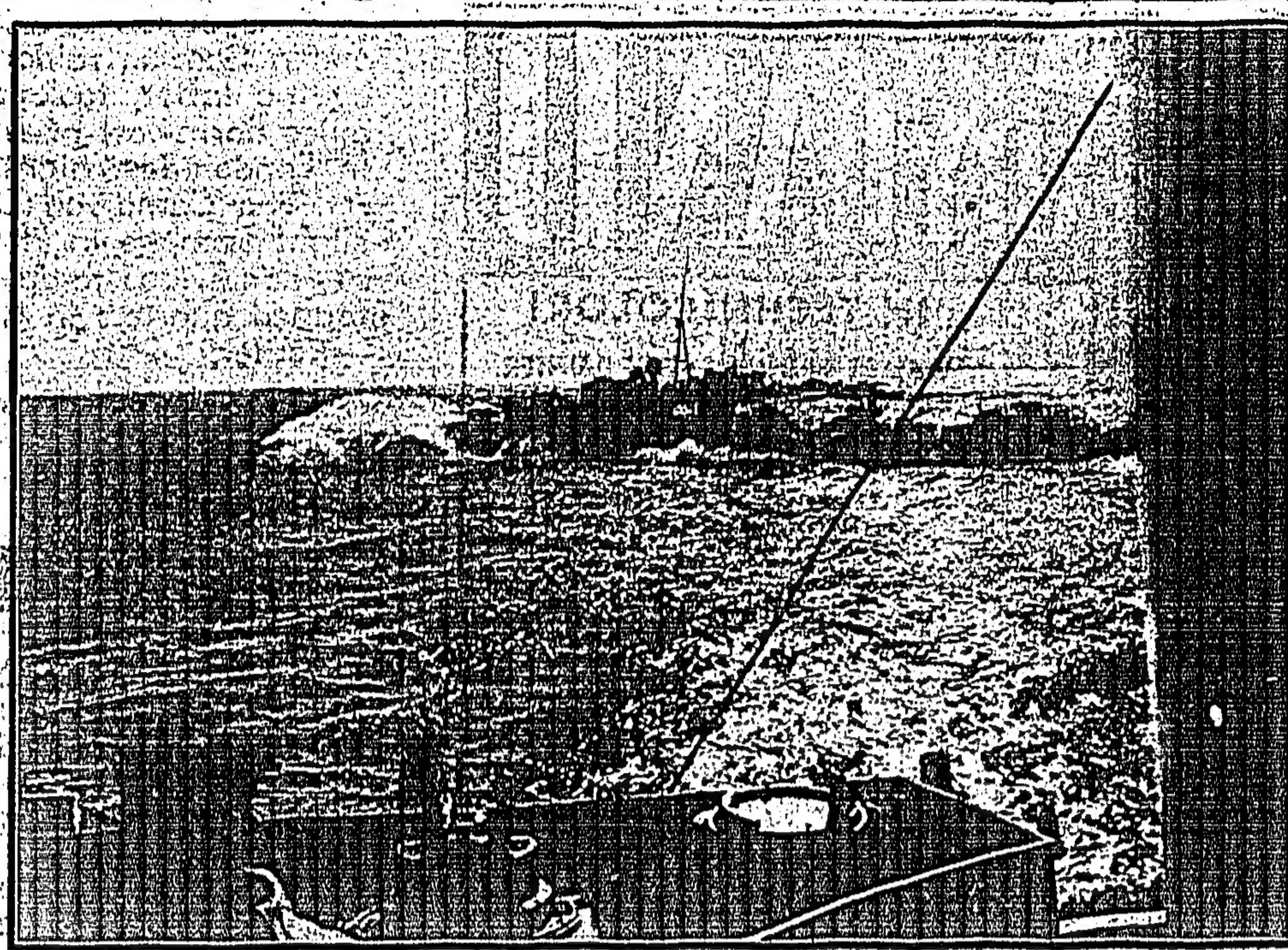
Company Sergeant Major Francis Brett to be Second Lieutenant.

Sergeant Michael George Carruthers to be Second Lieutenant.

## COMMODORE JOINS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, under instructions received from His Majesty through the Secretary of State, has been pleased to appoint, subject to His Majesty's pleasure, Captain Alfred Creighton Collinson, Royal Navy, Commodore in charge of Naval Establishments, Hong Kong, to be an additional Official Member of the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Mr. John Redman, B.Sc., Tech., A.M.C.T., A.I.C., to act as Government Chemist during the absence on leave of Mr. Victor Cecil Graham, B.Sc., A.I.C., B.S.D.C., F.I.C.



This Official Admiralty picture shows a British destroyer flotilla at exercises. The ships, during manoeuvres, are turning into line abreast. (Copyright, Fox).

## CENSOR KICKED AN INSPECTOR

A ministry of Information censor—he can speak fifty languages and has studied over 100—was at Hampstead fined £1 for using insulting words and behaviour, £3 7s. 6d. costs for assaulting Police Inspector Roberts, and £2 for being an alien and failing to notify change of address between April, 1933, and September 3, this year.

He is Eugene Napoleon Wesander, fifty-five, of Lawn Road, Hampstead.

Inspector Roberts said that after an air raid warning had sounded he saw Wesander outside the police station screaming and waving one arm.

He shouted: "I demand an apology. Why am I brought here like a criminal. You are as bad as murderers."

Shortly afterwards he said: "You Saxon swine have always treated us like this," and he struck the inspector, grazing his cheek.

He was carried struggling to the police station steps, where he kicked out with both legs and the inspector received a kick on his thigh and arm. When charged, Wesander did his best to shout down the inspector reading the charge.

Mr. S. W. Wallace, defending, said Wesander was angry because a message asking him to call at the police station was left with an enemy woman alien not a member of his household.

Wesander said that he claimed to be a Finnish subject. The reason his registration papers were not in order was a family one. He denied using insulting words, and alleged that he was struck so hard by the police that he was stunned.

## NAVAL VOLUNTEER OFFICERS

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has made the following appointments in the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force:—To be Acting Sub-Lieutenants:—Arthur William Daniel Sallis, Dennis Ambrose Winter.

Mr. Thomas Edward Jackson has resumed duty as Senior Surveyor of Ships.

## JOINT AXIS PRESSURE ON SPAIN

The Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Serrano Suner, yesterday received Signor Lequio, the Italian Ambassador, and Dr. von Stohrer, the German Ambassador, according to a Madrid despatch.—Reuter.

## WAREHOUSE FIRED IN BLACK-OUT

"I cannot conceive a more wicked thing than to create flames in a great town in the conditions in which we are living," said Mr. Justice Hallett at the Old Bailey when he sentenced George Bishop, twenty-six-year-old Luton labourer, to three years penal servitude.

Bishop pleaded guilty to setting fire to a warehouse and to some paper at Luton causing damage estimated at £6,000.

"The flames might have brought a rain of bombs on the town," said the judge.

### Mother's Cry

For the prosecution, Mr. T. R. F. Butler said the warehouse contained a large quantity of cardboard.

The fire was caused during the black-out, and while there was a yellow warning, though Bishop was not aware of that.

The prosecution did not suggest that Bishop caused the fire out of spite or for gain, and there was little doubt that he had been drinking.

Detective Inspector T. R. Finch of Luton said Bishop was a devotee of gin and beer, and had been in trouble before. His employers described him as a good worker.

While counsel was addressing the judge, Bishop's mother exclaimed: "Mercy, lord, mercy, lord." She was assisted out of court.

## RAIDS MAKE HER LAUGH

There was not a whimper from any one of the forty-six little patients when a children's hospital in Central London was struck by a blitzkrieg bomb.

Six-month-old Sandra Langer didn't mind in the least being one of Hitler's "military objectives."

She chuckled with delight at the blast of his large bombs, gurgled contentedly at the chugging drone of his bombers.

She was cooing happily in her cot on the fifth floor as a raider circled overhead. And when the bomb penetrated the roof of the hospital, exploded with a shattering blast which shattered the whole building, Sandra's chubby little face creased with her broadest smile.

Flames spurted from the wreckage, clouds of smoke rolled down the stairs, but not so much as a frown came from Sandra.

### Not One Hurt

Her proud mother told a reporter:—

"I was in the basement when the bomb struck the hospital. I'll never forget the awful moments which passed like hours until the nurses streamed downstairs carrying the children. Sandra was grinning all over her face when she arrived."

After carrying the patients to the safety of the basement, the nurses helped the male staff of the hospital to fight the flames.

While some of the nurses acted as firemen, others saved £10,000 worth of surgical instruments and apparatus. They carried them downstairs through dense smoke, and waded through water from a burst main.

Not one of the forty-six children, whose ages ranged from two weeks to twelve years, the six nursing mothers or the seventy nurses received as much as a scratch.

## PALESTINE'S WAR PRODUCTION

Palestine will shortly be enabled to make maximum contribution to the war effort through increased production of war supplies.

This was officially announced in Jerusalem yesterday following the return of the Palestine delegates to the recent Eastern Group Conference at Delhi, which discussed the production of war supplies in Empire countries east of Suez.—Reuter.



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## Carnarvon Castle Battle Near Montevideo

The action between the Carnarvon Castle and a German raider, which was broken off by the latter, took place approximately 700 miles north-east of Montevideo, it was learned in London last night.

The Carnarvon Castle, which sustained slight damage in the engagement, will dock at Montevideo to-day, according to well-informed quarters in Rio de Janeiro last night.—Reuter.

## NORTH'S ALL-NIGHT AIR RAID ORDEAL

BEGINNING AT nine o'clock at night and continuing until dawn German raiders made heavy bombing attacks on Britain. Although the North had continuous attacks the damage done was slight and casualties were few.

The King and Queen were in a bombed Lancashire area. They spent the night in a railway siding a few miles from where bombs fell, but there was no warning and they were not disturbed. The King and Queen had journeyed to the North-West to see a famous shipyard, and before beginning the tour the Queen asked if any damage had been done in the raid.

## AIR CHIEFS HONOUR HER

Lord Beaverbrook and Air Marshal Sir Arthur Barrett have written personally, to Miss Winifred Gilhooly, telephonist, aged thirty, of Hardware Street, West Bromwich, Birmingham, commending her on her heroism in remaining at her post at a Midland aircraft factory while it was being bombed during a night raid.

Miss Gilhooly has been officially commended in the London Gazette, for her bravery, and Sir Thomas Gardner, Joint Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, and Lord Dudley, Commissioner for the Midland Region, have also written congratulating her.

Now Gil as she is known by all her friends, is taking a week's holiday at The Vicarage, Newtown, Mon. to recover from her terrifying experience.

She said: "I had been on the switchboard for twelve hours that day. The girls were waiting to hand over to the man who comes on for night duty, but at the last moment he was taken sick.

"Someone had to be there during the night so I rushed home, had a hurried meal and returned I carried on all through the night until nine next morning.

"Shall Never Forget It"

"A soldier was on guard near me and my fiance, John Garner, who is employed by the same firm, sat by me all night.

"I am very proud of the letters I have received.

"It was a terrible night. I shall never forget it. Bombs were dropping all around me and the exchange shook.

"For months past I have been working twelve hours a day, seven days a week. But I am glad to be able to help to turn out aircraft for our brave pilots."

Asked when she intends to get married, Gil said: "I am much too busy at my job to think of marriage. Duty comes first. I am returning this weekend to start work on Monday."

When told there had been none, she said: "I am very glad to hear that."

There was little bombing with high explosives, the incendiaries causing damage principally to houses and churches. A garage and a factory were among other places hit.

The country's civil defences shone in their long ordeal, the stirrup pump beating the incendiary.

There were several casualties in Midlands town, where a number of high explosive bombs were dropped. Damage was confined almost entirely to houses.

In one street four houses were badly damaged and a number of the casualties came from these.

In one road where two houses were partly demolished a family in one of them awoke to find the bed in flames, every door broken and the fireplace blown out.

### Amazing Escapes

The occupants of both houses had amazing escapes and the only casualty was a roasted sparrow.

Within three minutes members of the A.F.S. were fighting the flames while the planes was still overhead.

Bombs dropped on the outskirts of a North-East town fell in fields and caused neither injury nor damage.

Three churches were hit in another North-East town. Some people were admitted to hospital.

London had a visitation from "jay walking" raiders who swung in and out of the central areas.

## BARGES WOULD BE GOOD TARGETS

Many of the barges massed by the Nazis are river craft. For a successful Channel crossing they would need a sea as smooth as a millpond. In even moderate weather they would be useless.

A large proportion of these barges are used on the Rhine. Some carry nearly 1000 tons of cargoes. They could accommodate several hundred troops in the holds.

When working on the Rhine they are towed, sometimes five at a time, by large shallow draft, double-funnelled paddle tugs. Often the procession stretches more than a quarter of a mile along the river. But seldom can their speed exceed four knots.

To be a success for a sea crossing with even a slight wind, these barges might have to be battened down. Troops would find the Channel crossing anything but comfortable.

With a head wind, too, speed would quickly be reduced by one knot or even two. In spite of escorting vessels they would be excellent targets for naval forces.

### 600-Ton Coasters

Most barges, including those used on the Rhine and Dutch rivers and canals, are of the "dumb" type. They have no sails or engines. They are built to carry as much cargo as possible and to be towed.

But there are several types of barges fitted with Diesel engines. Their engines are situated right aft. The rest of the barge is a gaping hold which is usually crammed with cargo. Seldom does their speed exceed six knots. Their crews often consists of the skipper and his family. In a river, with their box gardens around the bridge house, they are a picturesque sight.

But when loaded the sides of their decks are often awash even in a river. In the Channel their blunt noses would decrease their speed considerably.

The Nazis have a number of Diesel-engined coasters, which carry about 600 tons each. Their speed averages about 10 knots. They draw little water and can creep up small creeks, rivers and inlets.

They are the principal means of transport around the coast and along the inland waterways of Holland and Germany.

Eighteen Civil Defence workers were on duty in one area, on which more than 60 incendiary bombs were dropped.

During the raids in the North-West two bombs fell in the grounds of a country house. The bombs, which fell not far from the hall, did no damage beyond making two big craters. In another North-West town three whistling bombs dropped within 100 yards of each other and damaged houses in three streets.

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CZECHS PRAISE OUR 'PLANES'

After only forty-five days of training in England, Czechoslovak pilots have already accounted for twenty-four German planes, against one lost of their own.

The Czechoslovak pilots to whom I talked were full of praise for the British machines, which enable them to make full use of their skill. It is a great satisfaction for them after their experiences in French machines, writes a correspondent.

A Czech captain who was decorated in France with the Croix de Guerre and the Legion d'Honneur shot down a Messerschmidt 110 over London when flying with three squadrons — English, Czechoslovak, and Canadian — in "sandwich" formation.

This successful Czechoslovak Squadron has received congratulations from Air Vice-Marshal Leigh-Mallory. Their English training officer is full of admiration for them. "Some of my Czechoslovak pilots," he said, "returned with wounds of which they made light because they were afraid that the medical officer might not let them fly again."

Recently the Czechoslovak bomber squadron took part for the first time in a successful long-distance raid over Belgium.

NO LEAF FOR HIM

Hoping to get "a drop of leaf" so that he could visit his sick mother, a soldier who had received concussion in a road smash feigned deafness for six weeks.

But, as he told Professor Millais Culpin, the psycho-neurosis expert:

"I didn't get no leaf, and once I'd let on to be deaf I couldn't go back on it."

His anxiety to return to his unit was satisfied when his case sheet was marked: "Deafness found to be functional; cured by a visiting psycho-therapist."

And he was instructed that, if anyone wanted to know how he was cured, he was to say he had been mesmerised and couldn't remember anything about it!

Professor Millais Culpin tells this story when discussing cases of "war neurosis" in "The Lancet."

There was, too, an old Army man who complained of a lot of ill-health and, during his examination, "exhibited a nasty 'acking corf at too frequent intervals." The Professor's comment on his case was: "He is muscular and looks fit and well. I think he is."

Another man complained that his hands "went shaky" at times, following a fall in which he hit the back of his head.

The Professor found "the evidence of concussion seems to have been very flimsy," and he adds: "He is now a lead-swinging."

JEALOUS OF BROTHER'S WIFE

A soldier accused of shooting at his sister-in-law and a man friend was alleged to have stated that he was jealous of their association.

A statement which the police said had been made by the soldier, described how he shot at the couple when he found them sleeping in an air raid shelter.

James Burnham, twenty-one, of Myrtlebury Street, Dalston, who appeared at Stratford, E., Police Court in soldier's uniform, was sent for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

He was charged with attempting to murder his sister-in-law, Mrs. Elsa Burnham, and William Sullivan at Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, on September 17.

Burnham pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. He was granted legal aid.

"Very Friendly"

Mr. E. B. Clayton, for the prosecution, produced a statement said to have been made by Burnham, in which Burnham said that he was "very friendly" with his brother's wife when he was on leave six months ago.

His brother was in Palestine. He spent the seven days' leave with his brother's wife.

On September 15 he came home for another leave, and found his brother's wife had been associating with Sullivan.

He found them sleeping on a mattress in an air raid shelter, and as they left the shelter upon the "All clear" going, about two o'clock on the morning of September 17 he fired at them.

Sullivan had a bullet through the arm. His sister-in-law was uninjured.

The statement added: "I was jealous of them. Six months ago she told me she would never go back to my brother."

Mrs. Burnham in the witness-box, admitted that she had been friendly with her brother-in-law, but said she had never lived with him.

TRIED TO KILL HIS C.S.M.

Driver Peter Lester, of the Royal Army Service Corps, has been sentenced to ten years' penal servitude by general court-martial on a charge of shooting at Company Sergeant-Major Barrie, of the same corps, with intent to murder, and with wounding Corporal E. Sanson.

Sentence was promulgated in Belfast. It was stated that three years of the sentence had been remitted by the General Officer Commanding.

Lester is a native of Lancashire. He had been reprimanded by Barrie for dirty boots.

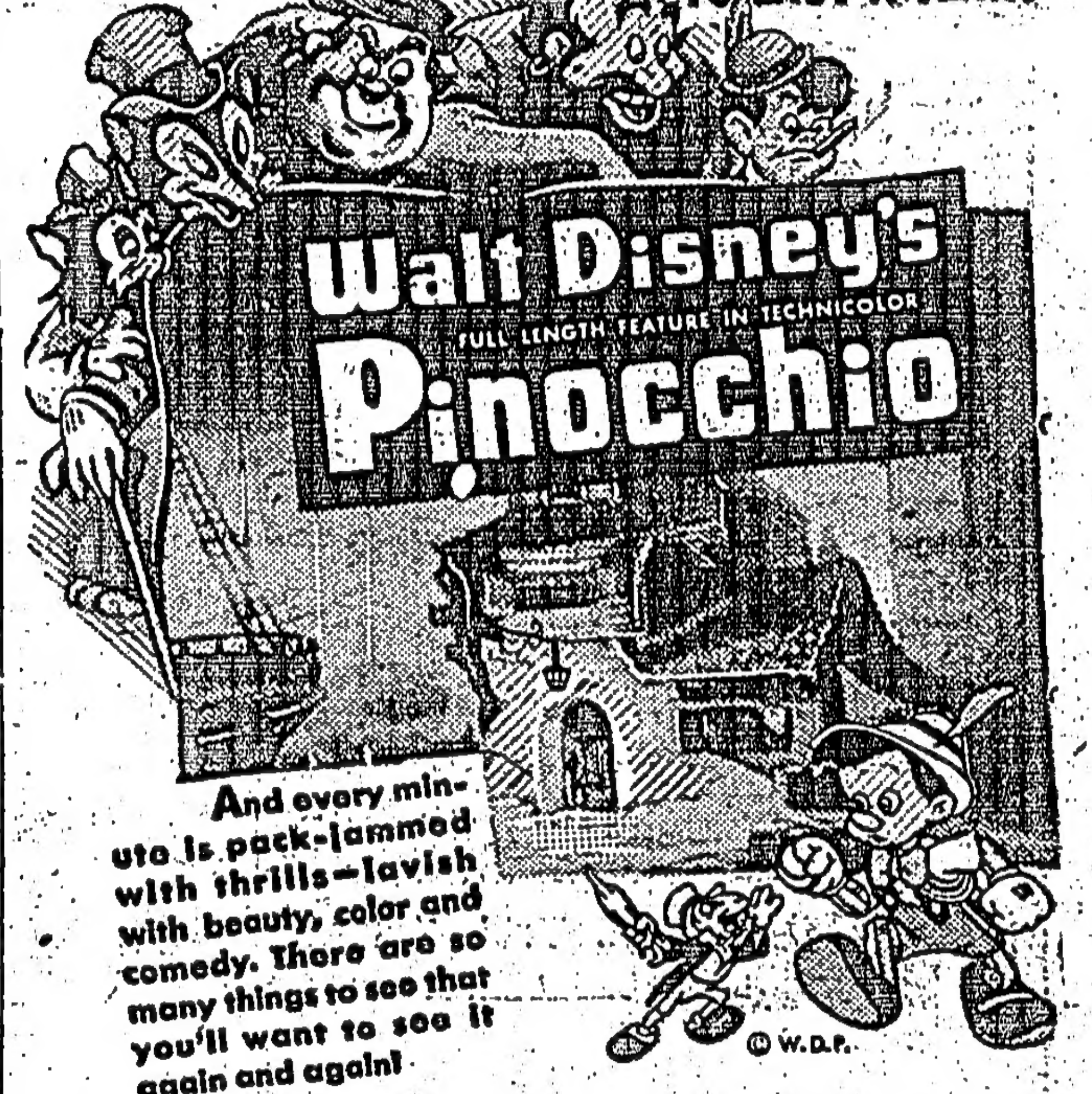
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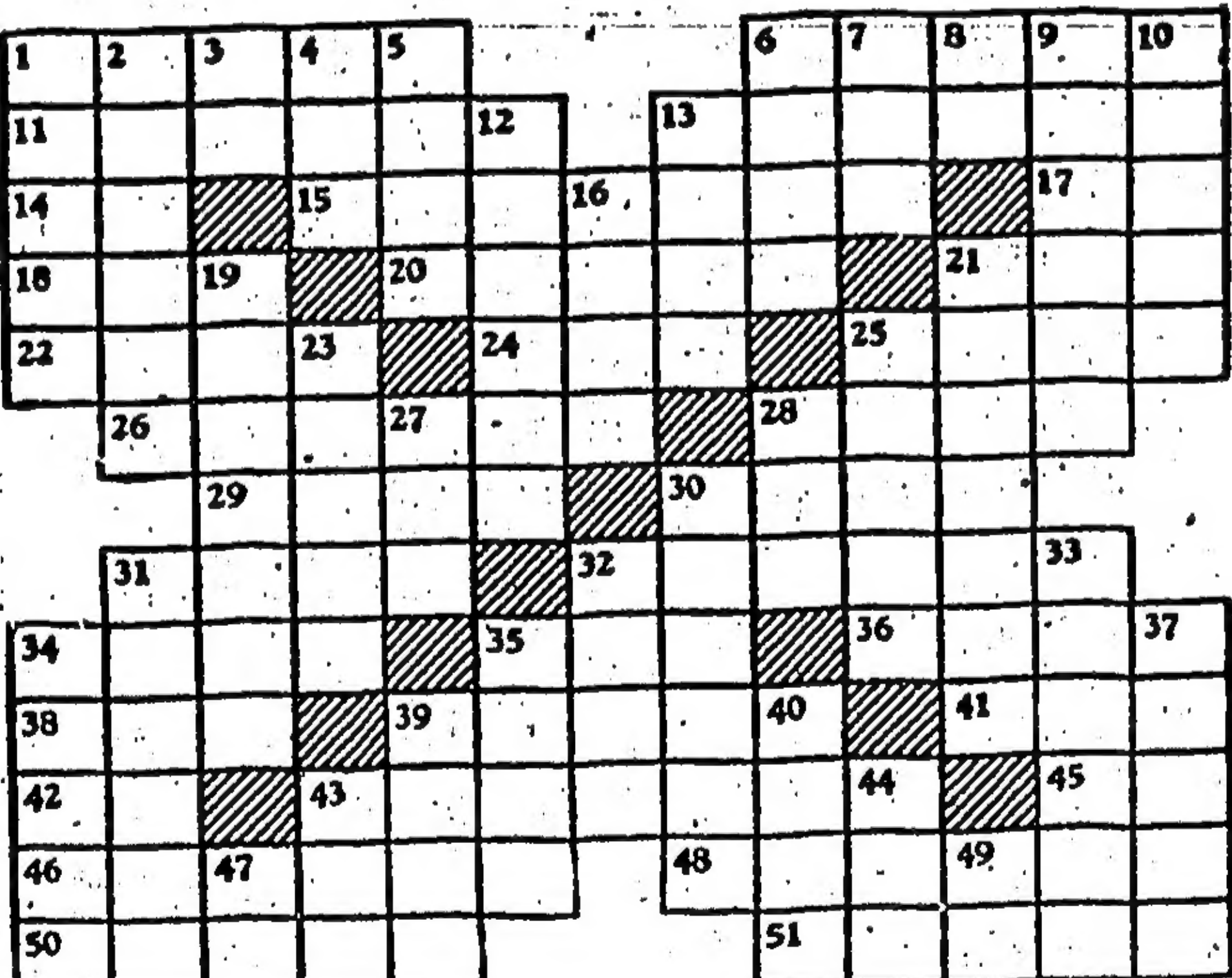


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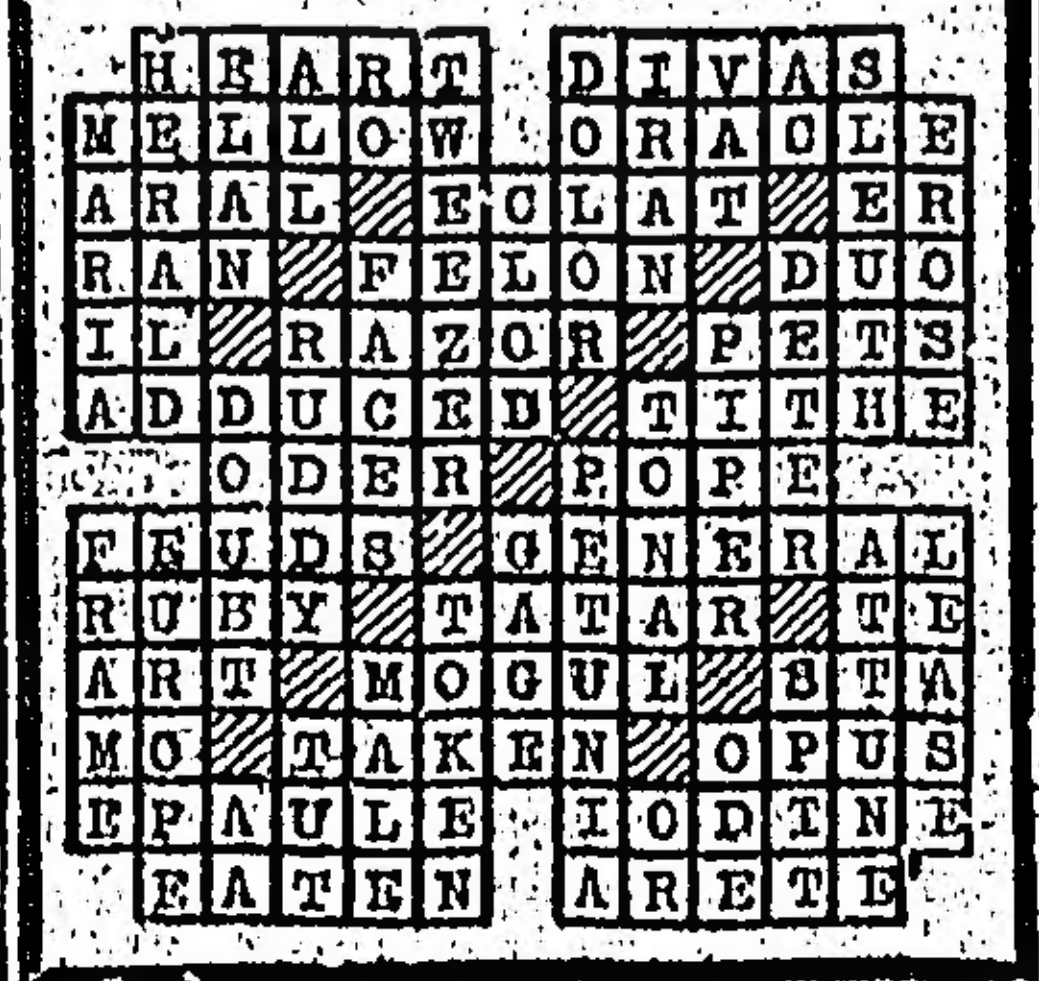


- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 To discard
  - 6 To brag
  - 11 Roman general
  - 13 One who gives his life for a cause
  - 14 Sacred Hindu word
  - 15 Bishop
  - 17 French article
  - 18 Goddess of the harvest
  - 20 Appendages
  - 21 Indescent fruit
  - 22 To tug
  - 24 Drunkard
  - 25 Insect
  - 26 Division of the year
  - 28 Eira
  - 29 River in England
  - 30 Page
  - 31 Pertaining to grand parents
  - 32 Freacher's stand
  - 34 To stagger
  - 35 Fowl
  - 36 Weird
  - 38 Conclusion
  - 39 The Mesale jaw

- 41 To petition
- 42 Diphthong
- 43 Referee
- 45 Symbol for calcium
- 46 French resort
- 48 Expunging instrument
- 50 Hebrew letter
- 51 Wrong

- VERTICAL**
- 1 To dip out
  - 2 College grounds
  - 3 Concerning
  - 4 Viper
  - 5 To divide
  - 6 Clubs
  - 7 Crude metal
  - 8 Preposition
  - 9 Abounding in forests
  - 10 To apply remedies to
  - 12 Sanity
  - 13 Artificially germinated grain
  - 16 King of beasts
  - 19 Disentangled
  - 21 Makes uniform
  - 23 French official
  - 25 Roundish fruit
  - 27 The sun
  - 28 Snake-like fish
  - 30 Crescent-shaped
  - 31 Homeric hero
  - 32 Persian elf
  - 33 Armistices
  - 34 To respond
  - 35 Part of fireplace (pl.)
  - 37 Period of time (pl.)
  - 39 To corner
  - 40 Greek goddess
  - 43 Conjunction
  - 44 To batter
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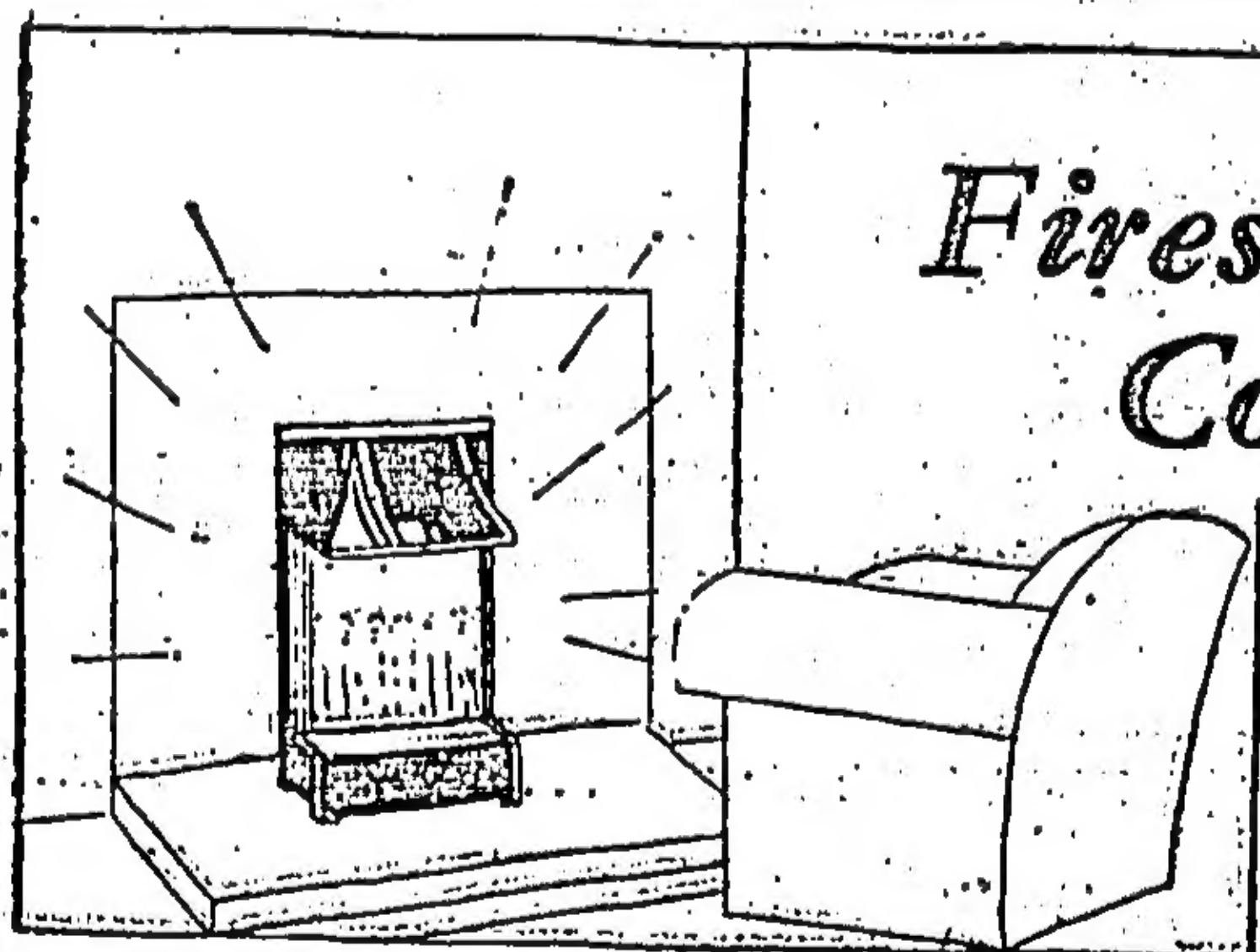
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## HOME SMASHED & LOSE CHILDREN IN SEA DISASTER

THEIR HOME smashed by Nazi bombers... Five of their twelve children lost in the sinking of the evacuee ship by a U-boat. That is what the Germans have done to the Grimmond family, of Lilford Road, Camberwell.

Just before the children were due to leave London for the embarkation port, bombers reduced their home to a mass of debris. The family were safe in their shelter, but all the new clothes that had been bought for the little evacuees were destroyed.

"I decided it would be impossible for them to go and thought of asking for a postponement of the evacuation," said Mr. J. E. Grimmond, a general labourer.

"I wish to God I had done so now, but the authorities told us fresh equipment would be provided for my children."

The children who are missing are Leonard, aged eight, and Augusta, aged thirteen.

A letter confirming his children's deaths arrived by the same post as last letters from the children themselves.

"Dear Mum and Dad," wrote Augusta from the evacuee ship, "we are starting off on the boat to-day at half-past one. We came on the boat yesterday."

"Eddie and Lennie are shearing a cabin, and Connie, Violet and me are shearing a cabin."

"It is very lovely. I wish you were with us, the cabins are all furnished."

### "Dark Men"

"Connie and Violet are shearing a big wardrobe, and I have got a single, we have got dark servants from Calcutta to wait on us, we go into a big room for meals and we have silver knives and forks, we have tables napkins and three different kind of knives and forks."

"We had our photo taken as we were coming on the boat, and we are going to have it taken now. We are now drinking milk in the lounge, our boat is in the middle of the river, we are all eager to start off."

"While we were on the boat last night there were two air-raid warnings, but we were asleep. We have a menu card in which we can choose what we like off the card. There are about a dozen different things on it."

"We have got plenty of dark men on this boat. They clean our shoes, clean our room for us. They do all the work when we are on deck."

"The dark men look at us, but we don't take any notice. You have to laugh at the way they are dressed; some have their shirts hanging out; they have no shoes."

"Dear Dad, I started this letter before dinner and am just finishing it so therefore I have just found out that we might not be sailing at 1.30. we might be sailing at 1 o'clock or tonight, it's all according to the tide."

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### Auntie Mary

"We have had three practices of life drill in case our boat got hit. The little ones have got a nursery to play in and a big stores sent them a box of toys. Lennie goes about as if nothing happening."

"Please mum do not worry as we have been fitted up with clothes, our escort is a very nice lady, her name is Miss Cornish, but we call her Auntie Mary."

"There are men to guard us at night in case our boat was to be sunk."

"Goodbye, I must close now from your loving Violet and from the others give our love to the others. Excuse mistakes and righting."

"Please do not answer this letter for I will be in mid-Atlantic excuse my writing and spelling from your loving daughter—Gussie, x x x x."

"Dear Mum and Dad," wrote Violet, "I hope you are all right we are all right. We have good food. We have a play room to play in."

### No Hope

"We have left practice in case of our ship was to be sunk, we would put our lifebelts on and jump on to our lifeboat."

In a note almost covered with kisses, Connie wrote: "I hope you all right. Mo, gussie and Violet feed the seagulls with biscuits."

"When Leny sent on the deck we saw sea gulls swimming in the water. fighting when we was having milk the bell went for every baby to go and put on life belts."

"I bet Jimmy and Jerry miss us. Goodbye from your loving daughter, Connie."

"There seems to be no hope of ever seeing my little sweethearts again," said Mr. Grimmond.

"My only wish is that I could find some way to hit back at the Nazis."

## SOLDIERS' CHANCE TO USE INVENTIVE TALENT

An Eastern Command order just issued states that every encouragement should be given to all to make useful suggestions for new equipment or for the improvement of existing equipment.

"This nation," states the order, "has always led the world in inventive ability, and there is now a great deal of first-class talent in the Army."

"To ensure this is not wasted no suggestion which promises to be of value should be allowed to languish for lack of interest."

## MYSTERY BENEFACTOR

A mysterious benefactor is walking around the poor streets of Birmingham pushing through letter-boxes hundreds of pounds in banknotes.

The notes are held by a rubber band, and there is no clue as to who is giving them away.

Two bundles of £1 and 10s. notes, totalling £123, have been dropped through the letter-box of Gem Street Special School, Astor Street, Birmingham, and at the City Education Committee's meeting the anonymous gift was officially recorded in the report.

### Gift To Church

The sum of £116 in notes has been dropped through the letter box of the Burlington Social Institute, and £59 was left at St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, an official of Birmingham Education Committee said.

"We have published an acknowledgment of the gift. At first it was such a surprise and a mystery that we thought the money might have been stolen and dumped by thieves. But the donor carried on, sticking notes through letter-boxes."

"It will come in useful for the children at Gem Street Special School, which is in a poor district."

## C.S. WORK IN RAIDS

Unless there is a real risk of Government offices being bombed, Civil Servants are to carry on with their work.

Instructions to this effect have been issued. All Government departments are asked to conform with new arrangements, which have been made in the light of recent experience.

A reporter was informed in Whitehall that the National Staff side agree with the official view that it is essential to reduce to a minimum any loss of the national effort as a result of air raid warnings.

The staff side have also informed the Treasury that the Government can rely on the fullest co-operation from all Civil Servants in the practical application of these new arrangements.

## HELPED BRITONS— GAOLED

The German court in Chofalce in Polish Pomerania has sentenced three Polish women to from one to three months' imprisonment for maintaining contact with British prisoners of war in the locality, it was learned in London.





## JAPAN AND N.E.I.

Tokyo recently made an obvious start in the direction of building up a Japanese case of grievance against Netherlands East Indies. The start does not necessarily mean that it is the forerunner of the southward push in the "new order of Greater East Asia." More likely it means continuity of the policy of trying to establish a claim that may be used in almost any way.

It must be borne in mind that the latest Tokyo manoeuvre immediately follows the appointment of a Japanese ambassador to Washington who is supposed to be friendly to the United States. The U.S. State Secretary, Mr. Cordell Hull, turned his comment on the appointment of Admiral Nomura into a declaration for orderly procedure and international justice in the settlement of international problems, which automatically include Far Eastern problems.

Mr. Hull's statement amounted to a demand that Japan should support her case on the peace-law-justice basis. He gave a rather clear indication that the United States does not intend to be bluffed or coerced and also that there would be no resort to bargaining at the expense of principle. What he said came close to a demand that the new ambassador should bring more than a personal smile.

The move to establish a case through formal protest against "grievances" therefore is almost logical. In light of other developments it looks more like a broad diplomatic manoeuvre than a bold military threat. However, it can turn in any direction, can be made the preliminary of conquest action if developments seem to suggest that.

The United States welcomes a friendly Japanese representative in Washington, but major decisions are not going to be made by back-patting. The stage has been reached in Far Eastern affairs that conference room smiles mean less even than they might mean under more nearly normal circumstances. Protests in petty cases to be utilised for the creation of incidents will not turn the trick in the settlement of issues upon which depend the future of Asia.

Settlement can be reached through friendly procedure but fundamental justice is more to be preferred than friendly jugglery.

## WHAT of the Kernel of India?

What is known in the western world as this huge and mysterious country, almost a continent in itself, with its mosaic of cults and cultures, races and viewpoints? Why has Britain not granted India Home Rule?

The question is of vital importance, not only to students of Imperial relations, but to everyone interested in the story of mankind. It must be answered without parti-pris. But I must say at once that to tackle it one must have an understanding of India beyond cold statistical details.

That India is in the ferment of a great forward movement cannot be denied. Western progress is sweeping in in turbulent waves. The solidarity of things, due to the trend of modern civilisation, is an ineluctable fact. India cannot stand still. She may not know to-day where she is going, but she is well on the move.

Yes, India has awakened from her age-long slumber. It is not a question of politics; for politics mean nothing to the masses. Their only concern is for bread, more bread, cheaper bread.

Discontent, naturally, is widespread. India's 350,000,000 people (a population larger than that of

Europe) are united only by their restlessness. And this restlessness is being artfully fanned and directed into political and other channels. Groups and parties have sprung up here and there, each with its particular flag and panacea.

Standing apart from the above these is the Indian National Congress. This is a remarkable organisation, patriotic in the true sense of the word. It is not sectarian, but national and all-embracing. Its leaders are men of talent

By Rangee G. Shahani

and character, but unfortunately, they see things in running water. For instance, they blame the British for all the ills India is heir to. Mahatma Gandhi has called the British Government satanical; and Pandit Nehru, a Socialist a la Leon Blum, has no words strong enough to describe it. I remember him telling me not long ago that he was "out to demolish British imperialism." A few days ago he improved on that by saying that he would like to see the British Government "humiliated" in the present war. Hatred can be blinding. I hold no brief for Britain, but I cannot help feeling that Congress leaders are creating a bogey in order to destroy it. The sins of Britain in India

have been many; but, on the whole she has wrought more good than ill.

However, Britain is in a difficult position now. She needs the aid of India to prosecute the war. And Congress, having built up a most effective political machine, is determined to strike as good a bargain as it can. Before it can help in the war effort, it demands two things: India should receive complete independence and its Constitution should be devised by a Constituent Assembly.

Now if Congress represented all elements of Indian opinion, whatever its claims, Britain would be obliged to accept them. So at least admitted Mr. Amery, British Secretary of State for India, in a debate in the House of Commons. But this is far from being the case. Congress has many powerful opponents. The most formidable of these is the Moslem League. This body, though it cannot pretend to speak for all the children of Islam in India, has a great backing and may be said to voice the views of the majority of Moslems. Well, this political party is afraid of nothing so much as Congress rule. It will not hear of it.

Then, the Princes, master of one-third of India and commanding the allegiance of many martial races, refuse to be swallowed up by Congress. They will have noth-

ing to do with a Constituent Assembly. They stick by their treaty rights with Britain.

It is true, all the same, that India is a self-contained and distinctive region of the world and that its peoples, if they like, are at full liberty to enjoy a separate and free existence. The rights of the minorities cannot be trampled upon; yet the minorities have no right to thwart the will of the majority. The point is, how to reconcile the various conflicting interests. Agreement, clearly, can only be multiple. It is ridiculous, I believe, for Congress to make Britain the scapegoat. She is only one party among many. Indian troubles are mainly self-created. In that great land, owing to the fierce sunshine or owing to the temper of the people, differences are apt to multiply.

Fortunately, the British possess reasonableness to an eminent degree. Proof? The White Paper recently issued by the Viceroy of India. I have never come across a finer example in the art of compromise.

Now what does the Viceroy offer India? Three things of supreme importance. First, the British Government admits India's right to self-determination. After the war, subject to some sort of understanding among themselves and subject to some safeguards, Indians are free to frame their own Constitution, which, as is right and proper, "should originate from Indian conceptions of the social, economic and political structure of Indian life." Here a fundamental Congress demand is conceded to. Further, India is given what she has always asked for, "equality of status."

Beyond this, the British Government promises to "welcome and promote in any way possible every sincere and practical step that may be taken by representative Indians themselves to reach a basis of friendly agreement."

So much for the shape of things to come immediately after the war. Meanwhile, the Viceroy was authorised to make proposals which, though lacking in a certain fine excess, was accepted in the spirit in which they were made. He invited representatives of the various political parties in India to join his Executive Council, not, as Mr. Amery explained recently in Parliament, as mere advisers, but as members with distinct portfolios. Further, a War Advisory Council, embracing All-India interests, was to be formed as soon as possible. The British Government hoped that by teaming up in this way "new bonds of union and understanding will emerge" among the various communities in India, "and thus pave the way toward the attainment by India of that free and equal partnership in the British Commonwealth which remains the proclaimed and accepted goal of the Imperial Crown and of the British Parliament."

Considering the internal conditions of India and of the muddled state of the outside world, the Viceroy's offer was a fine example of constructive statesmanship. Britain had given to India all that she could reasonably give.

Such is not only my impression but, I believe, that of most political parties in India. Congress dismissed the Viceroy's proposals as "unacceptable." Congress, it is suggested, wants nothing less than a provisional National Government as a first step to according complete independence to India. But is this not setting the cart before the horse? If Indians are not agreed among themselves and upon the character of the new Constitution, how can there be a National Government?

To talk of complete independence just now is pure folly. Many so-called free nations have fallen and others are tottering. What is needed to-day is not independence but inter-dependence. India must, in her very interests, remain in the British Commonwealth.

## Spanish Fascism's Task

When Nationalist Spain came to power, it did not waste its time on political windmills. It sought to change the direction of the wind itself.

It sought to alter the political nature of the people of Spain.

It planned to turn them at once from long centuries of medieval individualism into a regimented fascist state. And it was characteristically Spanish that the new leadership plunged ahead regardless of the fact that it confronted problems far more formidable than Fascist Italy or National Socialist Germany had faced before it.

Neither Hitler nor Mussolini started his career in the wake of devastating civil war.

Neither had to face an entire segment of his country indoctrinated against him by a bitterly anti-fascist government, which had three war years to propagate its ideas.

Neither was confronted in his early years by continental war and blockade raging outside the frontiers, nor by the fact that the pressure of that war might break down those frontiers while his movement was still in process of establishing itself.

Neither was seeking to establish authority in the face of a people with the Spaniard's natural gift for anarchy.

It can be understood therefore why the path of authority in Spain to-day is no path of roses. Spain wears few flowers in her hair.

## Firm Hand Used

The instrument for this "remaking" of Spain has been the National Syndicalist Party or Spanish Falange—or, to give it the proper name, the Falange Española Tradicionalista y de las Juntas de Ofensiva Nacional-Sindicalista.

Every instrument of persuasion has been used, from speeches of the Caudillo down to inculcate the ideas of unity and discipline. Moreover the people have been given not only slogans but reason-

ing, after the fashion of fascist movements, with morals pointed from the weaknesses of the democracies.

Meanwhile, the law doesn't hesitate to use its strong arm. The Government has the means under the Law of Political Responsibility for reviewing each person's record during the war and under the Re-

By Saville R. Davis

public, as a means of sorting out the sheep from the goats. This process of "purification," as it is called, is a long judicial business and after many months is still continuing.

As for the political police, it is pertinent to quote from the official Falangist newspaper "Arriba." An editorial of Sept. 20, commenting on a visit to the German secret police headquarters by Senor Ramon Serrano Suner, the party's head, who is now Foreign Minister, said:

"If Machiavelli said that 'the State is a castle besieged at all points,' it is no less accurate to say that it is a castle defended firmly and obstinately at every tower, at every embrasure in the wall, at every battlement and bastion. . . . Germany to-day has an internal force as strong, or stronger, than its external force. . . . When a regime is alert, it does not admit that its arms can be in any other hands than those of its most faithful, to do, otherwise would be pure suicide.

"The secret police of Germany is a perfect work, because its guardians are defending something great and just which contains conscience within itself. Thus is justice given force and force balanced with justice."

Needless to say, "Arriba" pointed out that the police in Spain follow the same model. Their work seeks to be thorough. And it is aided by party loyalty, for anyone at any time can bring the record of another person under review.

## Spaniards Born Martyrs

Psychological persuasion, too, is a part of the Falange method. It is perhaps best explained by a conversation with an officer in the

Nationalist Army during the civil war. He said:

"You simply do not give cold orders to a Spaniard and expect to get full results. If I needed a certain task done in those days at the front, I would go to a soldier, put my hand on his shoulder, and talk to him more as a comrade. 'Juan,' I would say, 'there is a particularly dangerous position out there, and our cause requires that it be held. I am picking you out because I know that only you can do the job.'"

"And then he would carry on far better than I could have wished."

In a chosen cause, the Spaniard is always a born martyr. And the zealous Falangists to-day are convinced that just as during the civil war, their political work to-day makes them individually the standard bearers in a crusade. To be sure, the same characteristic was true of the soldiers in the Republican Army—that is granted to be the result of civil war, and leaves its problems. But for the Falange, this conviction gives a driving force which is not to be underestimated, when applied to the problem of government through the modern totalitarian technique.

Finally—most obvious and most important of the forces bearing on the Falange—there is the international aspect of the situation. Fascism is to-day in the political ascendant on the continent of Europe. But it has committed its cause to the fortunes of war. If these fortunes favour it, the Fascist international will enter a period of confirmed power, and will tend to draw all European political tides its way. If these fortunes are adverse, the authoritarian system in Spain will have to stand on its own, against a receding tide.

The course of the war may therefore be decisive, and Nationalist Spain's stake in the war is coming always to be more clearly recognised.



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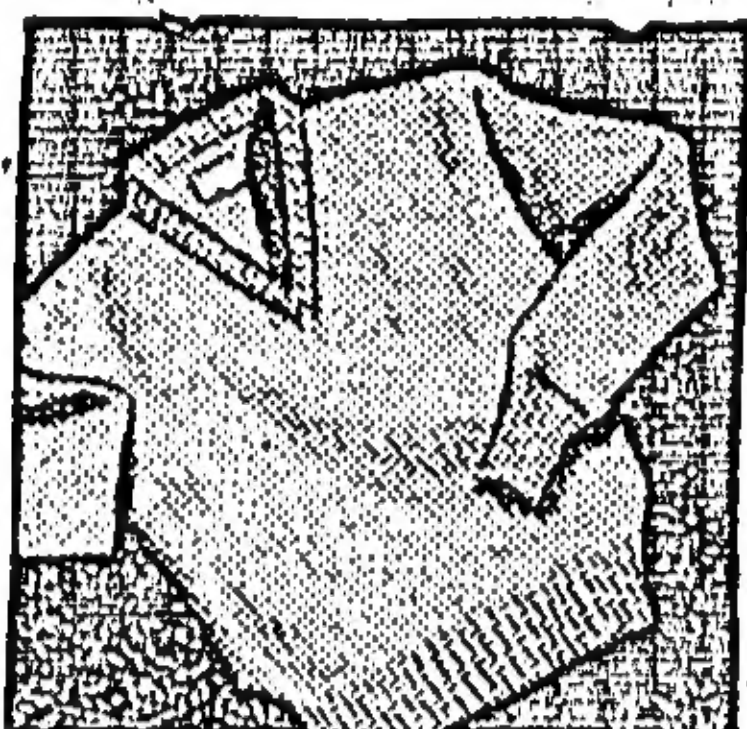
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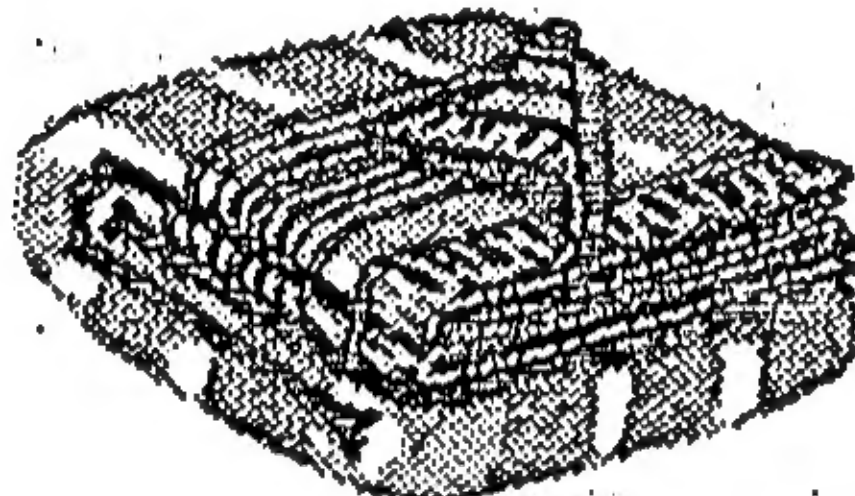
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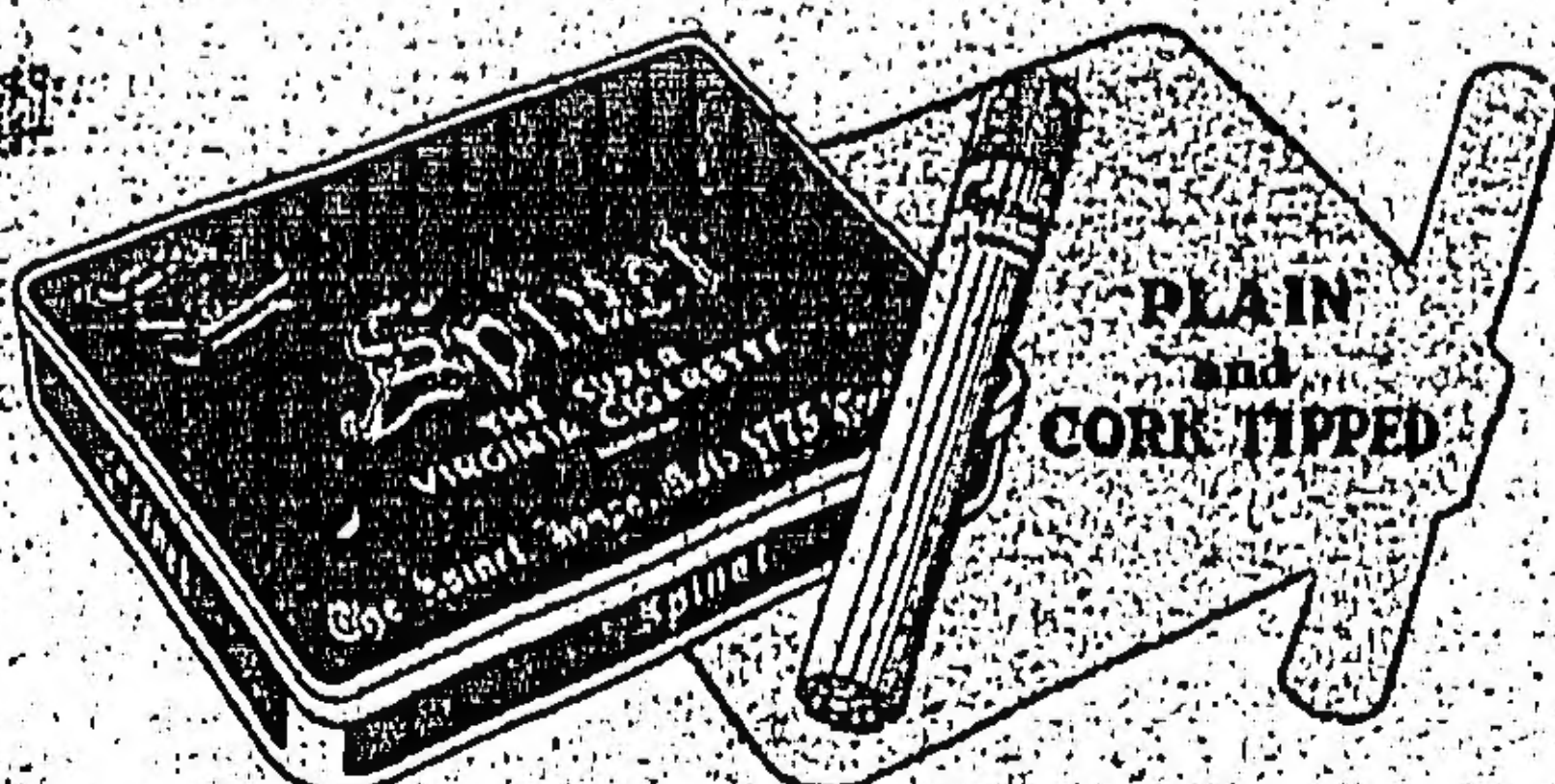
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# A.A. MEN FIRE INTO THE NIGHT, BAG FOUR

BRITAIN'S SUPER A.A. barrage accounted for four of the enemy bombers which raided—or tried to raid—London districts at night. A fifth bomber was bagged by an R.A.F. fighter.

One bomber, a Junkers 88, crashed in the London area after it had dropped several bombs. It was a battery's third success. They scored a direct hit. The Junkers crashed near a hospital at Merton Park, damaging several houses and spraying Anderson shelters with blazing petrol. Most of the people got away safely.

After the fire had been put out, a woman found the pilot's gloved hand still grasping the joystick.

Fighters cooperated with the ground defences in harassing the raiders, and a Junkers 88 crashed near Cambridge after being engaged by them. The four occupants were taken into custody by the military authorities.

Three of the crew of a Heinkel bomber were killed, and a fourth had severe head injuries, when their plane crashed near Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

It was hit in the wings and tail by anti-aircraft fire and was heard diving over the town when it split in two.

There appeared to be many more searchlights in action in the London area than on recent nights, and the now famed A.A. barrage was hotter than ever.

The London raider had been cruising overhead for some time and had caused heavy damage.

## Family's Escape

As it came within range, it was picked up. There were two bursts of A.A. fire, followed by explosions in the sky. Then the plane began to roar down at full throttle.

The wingtips damaged four houses before the machine plunged nose first into a garden at the corner of Richmond Avenue and Kingston Road, Merton Park and wrecked part of a house.

Within a few seconds the petrol tanks exploded with such force that the house was demolished and the machine was blown into fragments.

In the demolished house Mr. and Mrs. John Butcher and their month-old baby were sheltering in a bathroom. They were hurled into the garden and were rescued from the debris. They were taken to hospital with shock, burns and cuts.

## 1,000-1 Chance

People were trapped in four underground trenches when a bomb struck a shelter escape hatch in a North London park, killing several and injuring many others.

"It was a thousand-to-one chance bomb which struck one of the escape shafts of the shelter," an A.R.P. warden stated.

"The main entrance to the shelter is quite intact, and had it struck anywhere else but an escape shaft the casualties might have been less severe."

The bodies were recovered after twelve hours' digging.

Men, women and children were among the dead. Most of them had brought their mattresses and blankets with the intention of stopping the night.

A bomb demolished the two houses 100 yards away and caused several deaths. It is feared a policeman, his wife and their children, aged five and one, were killed in one of them.

Raiders during the night were on a smaller scale than of late and less effective, the Air Ministry stated.

While London and the suburbs were again the main objective, raiders were also over five counties, the Midlands and the south-west.

## CLEANING AS USUAL

All the windows of a large building in a suburb of London had been blown out in an air raid except two or three panes.

Standing amid the litter of broken glass, an elderly charwoman assiduously polished these few remaining panes, just as though nothing had happened.

## MORE H.K. TAXATION URGED

Says "St. John's Review".

The Australian people have been asked to reduce their standard of living in order to lessen the demand for luxuries which have to be carried in ships that can ill be spared for the purpose. The Minister of Economic Warfare has been appealing for support from everyone in this direction. Surplus wealth should be placed into war bonds and not into expensive motorcars or race horses. The local Government should tax luxuries even to the extent of losing revenue by doing so. If people cannot voluntarily do this and are not able to dispose of their wealth in a way most helpful to winning the war, then taxation should deprive them of the privilege of controlling that wealth. There are two wars at our doors and a severe social problem. The continued existence of this colony as a prosperous port depends entirely on the success of the cause which is now common to Britain and China. If it fails then all the peace and comfort, the wealth and security of Hong Kong will disappear. The people of England are not only carrying a crushing financial burden but the whole population is enduring the heaviest physical and mental strain that was ever imposed upon a nation. It is important that this should be constantly before our mind.



Muriel Angelus is the siren who tricks Akim Tamiroff, in Paramount's "The Way of All Flesh" opening Tuesday simultaneously at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

## CIVILIAN ROLL OF HONOUR?

A scheme for the formation of a roll of honour for any man, woman or child who shows exceptional bravery during air raids is being considered by Alderman A. F. J. Chorley, Mayor of Dagenham.

"There are many examples of outstanding courage which still pass unrecognized," said Alderman Chorley.

"In one case at Dagenham a warden saved a boy by flinging himself on top of the boy to protect him from the blast of a bomb."

"We reported his action to Sir John Anderson, but all the man received was a letter from the Ministry. I feel that some more permanent record of such actions should be kept."

Alderman Chorley's scheme does not apply only to civil defence workers. He would like to see it applied to all civilians.

## LITTLE AUDREY LAUGHS AT DEATH

TRAPPED BY her arm in the wreckage of her damaged home in a south-west town, fourteen-year-old Audrey Johns refused morphia and joked with her rescuers as they worked for twelve hours to free her. The rescue squad had to force their way through a 9ft. barricade of debris to reach Audrey.

Her mother, who was also trapped, was released within a few hours. A doctor had given her morphia.

When Audrey was asked if she would rather "go to sleep" while the rescue squad worked, she said she felt grand and refused to have the injection.

For part of the twelve hours she was trapped the enemy bombers were flying overhead. The rescue squad gave her a running commentary on the battle.

"Every time they shouted: 'They've got it in the searchlights,' and the anti-aircraft guns opened up with a terrific barrage of fire, Audrey cheered and shouted for more news."

Her father told a reporter: "Audrey was wonderful. She was not in the least frightened, although pieces of the house kept falling in and threatened to bury her completely."

She kept asking about her mother and myself, and how

some friends of hers in another house that had been bombed had fared.

"We were all sitting having supper when the raid started. We heard the planes overhead and then a whistling noise. Audrey and her mother ran to get under the stairs."

"They were trapped by falling masonry."

One of the rescue party said: "I never imagined anyone could be so brave. The girl seemed least concerned of anyone about her safety. She was talking away and laughing as we tried to keep her cheerful by telling her we were getting nearer."

The raid was the worst this south-west town has had. A public assistance institution received a direct hit and a number of elderly women inmates were killed. They were sheltering in a corridor and were singing songs as the bomb crashed through the building.



# GIRLS SING, TRAPPED IN SHELTER

GIRL EMPLOYEES are feared killed and injured when two bombs straddled a factory and struck its underground shelters in south-west London during a daylight raid. When a bomb penetrated one section of a shelter, girls in another section sang "Roll Out the Barrel" and other songs.

A water main broke. While the casualties were being removed another warning was sounded and there was heavy gunfire overhead. As some of the injured were returning from hospital a third warning sounded. Houses and other buildings were shattered and others damaged in this district, raided by a strong formation of bombers.

The casualties included a milkman, who was pushing his barrow along the road, and a girl who came to the door of a shop.

Delayed-action bombs were also dropped.

Many of the shops in a busy thoroughfare had their plate-glass windows shattered and have temporarily closed.

Shoppers walked about trying to find out where they could get their rations.

The landlord and staff of a public-house in another South London district had a narrow escape when about a dozen high-explosive bombs fell.

One of these demolished the bars and the whole of the front part of the premises.

## Murder Raid

The landlord said: "The front of the pub collapsed before my eyes, and I rushed upstairs again to see what had happened to my staff."

"They had just finished breakfast and left the room. A few seconds later the ceiling fell in."

Raiders being chased by fighters dropped a number of bombs on another south-western district of London.

The bombers seemed to swoop and make a deliberate attack on this mainly residential district.

Bombs struck the outside wall of a church, damaged a furniture depository, and other commercial buildings, and also house property.

There were a few casualties, one of which is believed to have been fatal.

## A.R.P. Girl Dies

About twenty bombs were dropped by the raiders over South London.

Four of them straddled a road and destroyed buildings, killing four people outright and badly injuring ten others, who were trapped in debris.

One of the dead was an A.R.P. girl who was walking along the road.

An A.T.S. girl was killed in a canteen.

About sixty enemy planes attacked a south-west town. Intense A.A. gunfire rocked the town, and British fighters broke up the formations.

It is believed some bombs were dropped.

## BIG MOUTHS ARE THE FASHION

Rosebud mouths and Cupid's bow lips are out—definitely finished. If you've naturally a big mouth, you're in luck. If you haven't, you'll just have to enlarge it—or be dated hopelessly.

It's easy enough. You need only a big enough lip-stick. New York and Hollywood beauty experts are advising their clients.

Hollywood beauty genius, Perc Westmore, says: "Fashionable mouths are generous mouths, such as those of Alice Faye, Betty Grable and Linda Darnell. Although the mouths of Ann Sheridan and Carole Lombard are full, they are being accentuated."

"The idea to-day is that thin lips make even the prettiest woman look too stern in expression, and stern women can't be feminine women."

And the Hollywood make-up expert, Guy Pearce, says: "Mouths on the screen are getting bigger and bigger. A tiny, curved mouth is no longer fashionable."

## MASKS TO FIGHT EPIDEMICS

Masks designed to prevent direct infection are suggested by the "Lancet" as a recognised public-shelter wear. It urges the provision of heating, disinfection, and sleeping bunks.

"Gross overcrowding" in deep shelters and the tubes "with lack of sanitation and sanitary supervision, of heating and ventilation, coupled with lack of sleep, nervous strain and improvised meals," it adds, "have brought the danger of typhoid and dysentery."



Debonair and self-satisfied, Akim Tamiroff appears in Paramount's "The Way of All Flesh," opening Tuesday simultaneously at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

## BUS GIRLS MAY SIT

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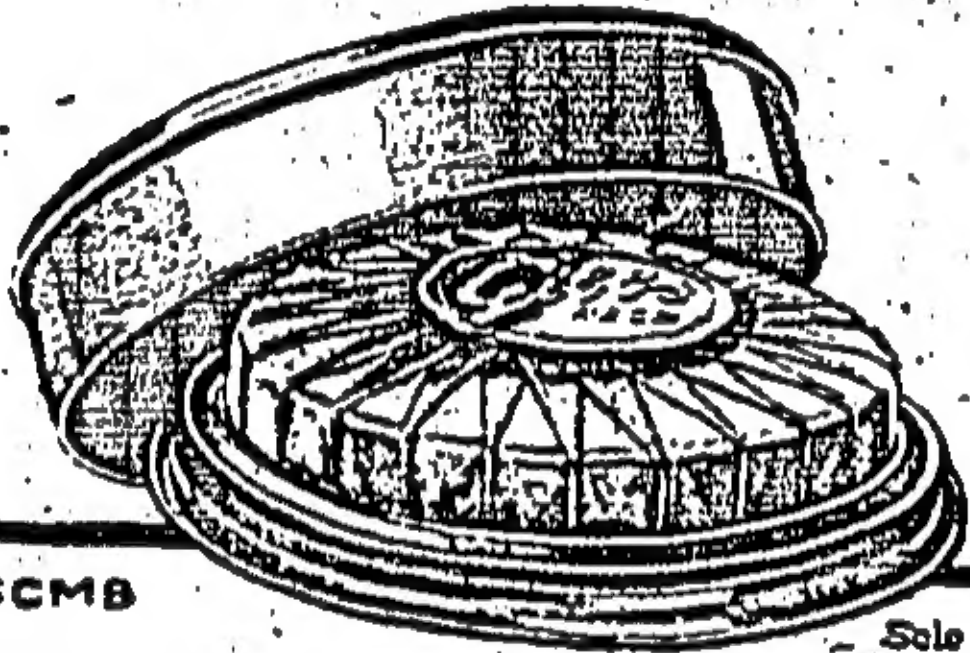
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## PUBLIC AUCTION

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### POSTPONING A GUESS

#### By The Four Aces

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♠ A K 6 5 2  
 ♥ Q 4  
 ♦ A J 8  
 ♣ 7 6 3  
 ♠ J 10 9 8  
 ♥ 5 2  
 ♦ A 8  
 ♣ 6 4 3  
 ♠ A K  
 ♥ 10 8 3  
 ♦ 10 7 3  
 ♣ K 10 9 8 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	1♠	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

"The question arose as to whether it was advisable to

tackle the heart suit first, or knock out the Ace of diamonds, or try the club finesse. Also what is the proper way to finesse the clubs?"

Before we get started, we'd like to admit that the club finesse is pretty much a guess. Nobody knows how to finesse such a suit with certainty—unless he can see the enemy's cards. Also, we're not very fond of South's jump to two no-trump. The hand should probably be played at four hearts since that contract is practically ironclad with a normal trump break.

As it is, South should tackle the diamonds at once after winning the opening spade lead. If by an chance West has the diamond Ace, he may play low. Then South can afford to lose a club trick. Even if East takes the diamond Ace and returns a spade (as would actually happen as the cards lie), South has the chance that West is out of spades. In that case West will be unable to get the lead to his partner even if he should eventually win a trick with the club Queen.

After winning the second spade trick, South takes the club Ace and finesses through East for the club Queen. The play succeeds if East has the queen or if West is out of spades.

Yesterday you played a Small Slam contract. You had entries to each hand, no losers in the side suits and the following trump suit:

J 8 7 6  
Dumpr

You  
AQ 9 5 4 3  
How did you play the trumps?

ANSWER: Lead the Jack of trumps for a finesse. If all the trumps are at your right, the lead of the Jack is necessary to prevent loss of a trick.

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QUESTION NO. 583

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K Q 5 2  
 ♥ A 7 5  
 ♦ 4 3 2  
 ♣ 8 6 4

The bidding:

Makes	Jacoby	Schenker	You
Pass	1♥	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer

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## TOOK HORSES TO SCHOOL

Stablemen, firemen and Home Guards rescued a number of horses when an incendiary bomb destroyed stables and a forage store in a London area. All the horses were brought out safely and were taken to a school playground for the rest of the night.

## SPIES IN UNIFORM

# ROUND-UP OF FAKE OFFICERS

ORDERS HAVE BEEN given to the British police to keep a sharp look-out for people wearing unauthorised uniforms. A number of prosecutions have been taken during the past few days, but more are likely.

Some offenders are proved to have been wearing the uniforms merely for vanity; others are believed to have a motive more sinister.

Closer check is also to be kept on those establishments selling uniforms to the Services and the public, and particular attention is to be paid to suspected cases of thefts of Army uniforms from factories which are engaged on manufacturing them for the War Office.

It is known that a number of people are walking about in Army uniforms—especially officers' uniforms—to which they have no right. The same applies to Air Force uniforms and uniforms of the Royal Navy.

Other impostors are wearing Mercantile Marine uniforms, as they find these easier to obtain.

Bogus nurses are also walking about, frequenting the lounges of hotels, dressed in hospital or V.A.D. attire. Some of these women are believed to be enemy agents, anxious to strike up acquaintances with officers.

Impostors are also wearing Home Guard and A.R.P. uniforms.

The Government believes that a real danger may arise if this practice is not checked, and there will be stiff penalties for any offenders who are caught in the new round up.



Advice would be more acceptable if there were some way to figure out whether or not it was to your advantage.

## WARDENS FOR CHURCHES

Churches of all denominations are finding various ways to adopt the country's motto, "Carry On," in air raids.

Raid wardens have been introduced in some churches in the suburbs of London to assist people to and from church in the black-out.

They carry torches to light the way, particularly for elderly members of the congregation. In spite of the increased raid-

ing it is important to keep up the revived interest shown in the church at the beginning of the war," the Rev. S. W. Hughes, National Free Council secretary, said.

## Cinema 'War Prayers'

City churches are holding their evening services at 3.30 in the afternoon so that people may pray before the nightly bombing attacks begin.

In St. Clement Dances, services when interrupted by raids have been carried on in the crypt.

In one South-east area six churches of different creeds met recently in a cinema for joint "war prayers."

The Rev. H. Edwards, of St. Andrew's Church, Muswell Hill, N., said: "I think people have a greater feeling of gratitude these days. They come to church, to thank God that they have got safely through another night. They are learning to appreciate each new day as they never did before."

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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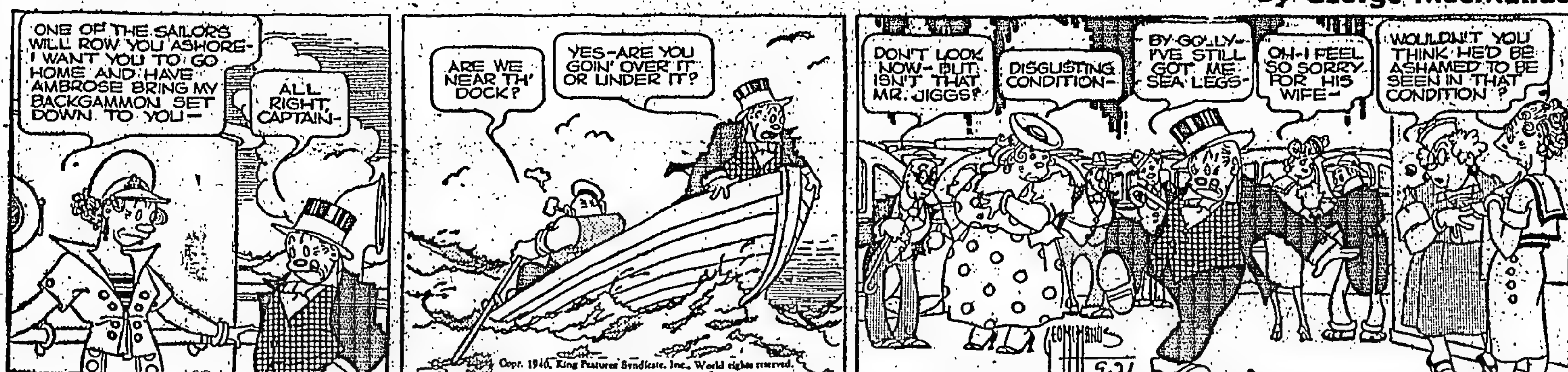
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Keep Dry Skin Lubricated

Only the dry or normal skin needs a foundation lotion beneath make-up. The girl with an oily skin can get by with a good washing and astringent treatment.

A foundation lotion has really four purposes: It serves as a protection against the elements, it makes the user look instantly more lovely and youthful as it lubricates the skin, it helps conceal the finer face lines and superficial blemishes which come from dryness, and it tends to hold make-up intact longer if applied correctly.

No foundation lotion should be applied to skin unless the skin has been thoroughly cleansed first. Then it should be allowed to set before make-up covers it. Too many women hastily apply a foundation lotion and right on top of it, powder and rouge. This tends to clog the pores and instead of helping your skin by using a protective cream you are actually inviting blemishes.

Any foundation lotion should be applied sparingly with cool fingers. Take time to smooth it thinly over all the face and neck. Much of your finished beauty depends upon how you use such a cream and how near it matches your current skin tone.

Usually you have from three to five shades from which to choose when you buy a foundation lotion. Select that which is very close to your skin shade for it lightens as you use it. Your face powder should match in shade too, so you will be in perfect colour harmony once the artificial administrations are finished!

### Older Women Benefit

The aging skin definitely benefits by the use of a well chosen make-up foundation. I say "well chosen" for certain skins require certain mixtures. A very dry wrinkled skin definitely requires a richer mixture than the youthful dry skin. The normal skin requires a quickly setting lotion. You've seen women with



Foundation lotion should be first on forehead, cheeks, and face area with deft fingers. A new lotion for dry and nor the latest!

make-up which "hits you in the eye" so to speak. The rouge is blatant and powder caked. Such an unbecoming appearance could

be corrected if the proper make-up foundation had been used correctly. As the foundation itself is tinted, less powder is required than if you used none. With a fresh, fluffy piece of absorbent cotton powder the skin lightly after the cream has set. Liquid rouge should be used instead of a powdered rouge and this should be blended on the cheeks before the powder is dusted on.

Women with wrinkled skin should stretch the skin between two fingers as they rouge and powder so that the slight crevices will not be a different colour than the rest of the face. And the neck should not be forgotten—it should get the same nice treatment as the face!

stir. This is done by using a medium-hard pencil in one of the brown shades. Black seems too black even for very dark brows.

If your face is wide, and your brows short elongate them.

If your brows are thin or light, make them appear thicker and darker by applying short featherlike strokes with the pencil.

Always use your pencil with a light touch—as though you were sketching. Individual hairs in slanting lines as the real hair grows. Keep your pencil finely pointed for the best results.

Once darkened, brush your eyebrows with a small brush designed for that purpose, and if they lack sheen you may apply a bit of lash cream.

## Eyebrow Grooming

Eye grooming is one of the most important and effective of all beauty efforts.

Dr. Mayo of Rochester claims we receive eighty-seven per cent of our impressions through our eyes. That means that other persons get instant impressions of you, and catalogue you as a meticulous or indifferent beauty. Neat, trim eyebrows give a tidy appearance and pay good beauty dividends.

One must have a precise eyebrow tweezer. There is a new, professional one on the market with scissor handles and so shaped to allow a completely unobstructed view of what you are doing. These tweezers can unerringly grasp a single hair and with a quick pull, remove the untidy straggler.

Before you begin to tweeze, though, apply to your brows a cloth dipped in hot water and hold it there for a minute or two. This softens the hairs and opens the skin pores. Cream rubbed around the roots also helps. But remove this cream (and all brow or lash colouring) before tweezing with a bit of cotton saturated in medical alcohol. It's safer to sterilize your

tweezers in alcohol too. You can keep a small bottle in your medicine chest.

### How To Pull

Grasp the hair tightly at the root and pull quickly in the same direction in which the hair grows. Remember too, that good eye-grooming is made easier today by the fashion of natural shaped brows. No longer is it smart to pluck them out so only a hair line remains, or to distort them in peculiar arches.

The upper line of the brow gives your face much of its uniqueness, so don't change it much. Simply strive to have it sleek by removing stray hairs which have grown above it.

Remove any hair which grows above the bridge of the nose and any stragglers below the arch of the brow.

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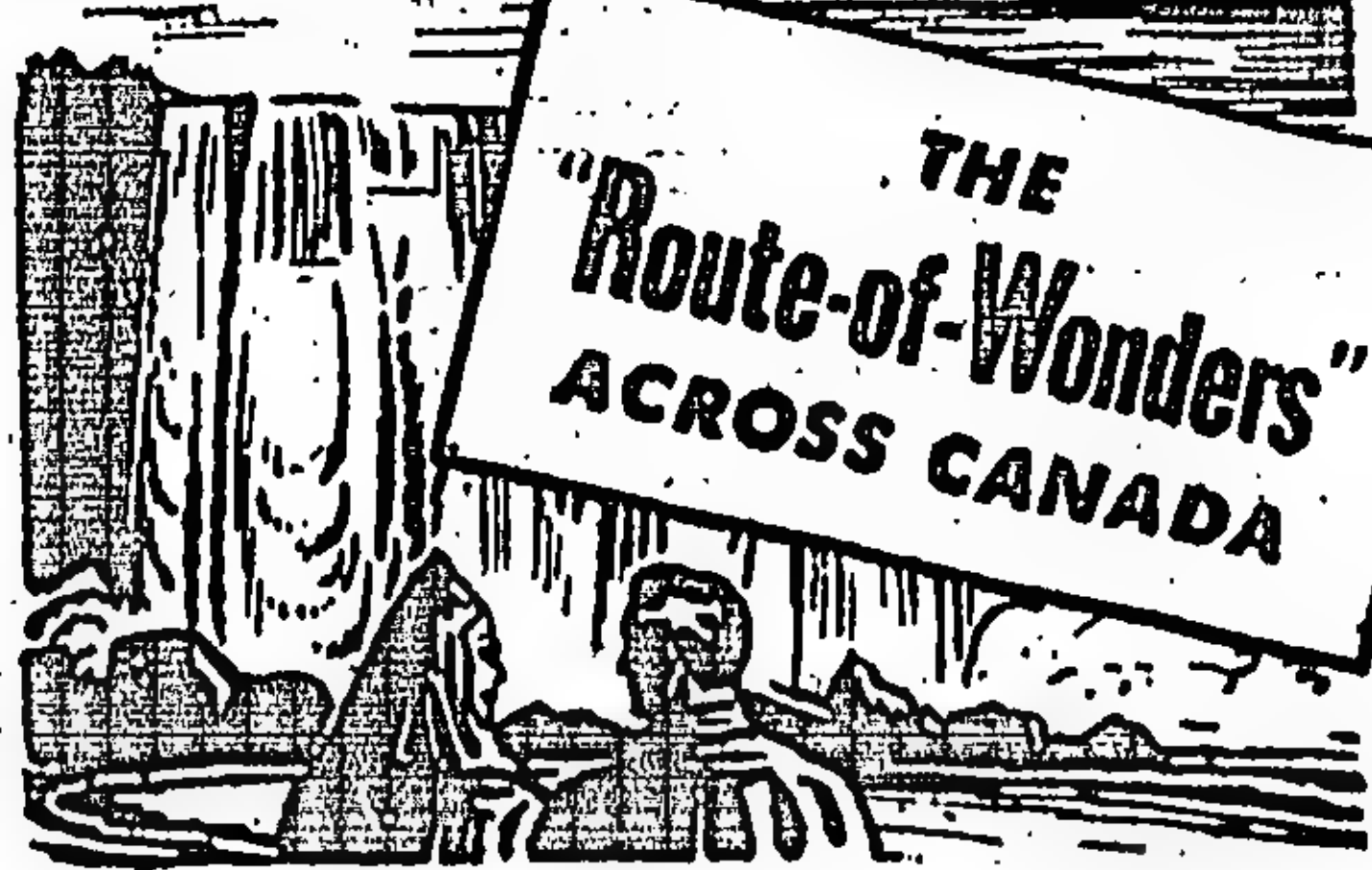
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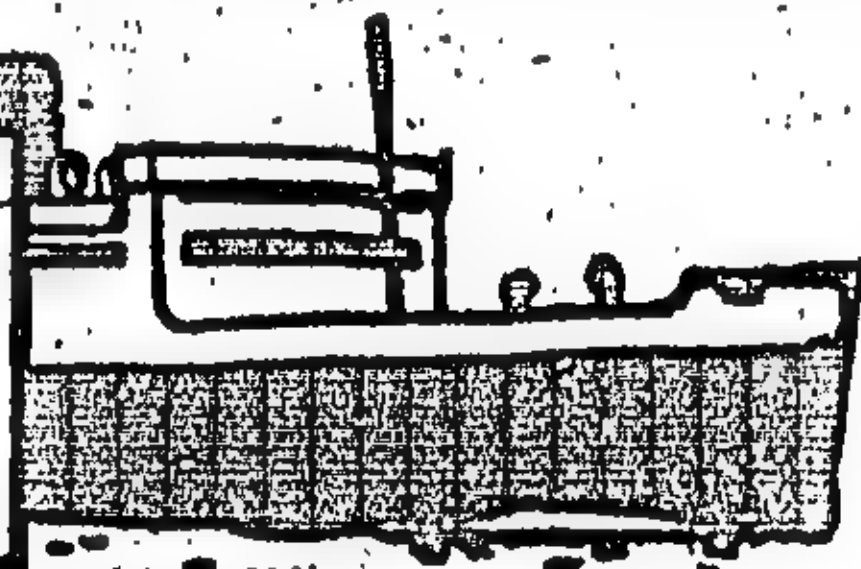
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# RECORDS EXPECTED TO CRASH AT TO-MORROW'S SOCCER TIE

## First Meeting Of Season Between Eastern & Sing Tao

### Eastern's Wing Forwards May Well Decide Issue

By "Referee"

ANOTHER ATTENDANCE RECORD AND ANOTHER GATE RECEIPT RECORD—IN VIEW OF THE INCREASED PRICES—ARE EXPECTED AT THE MUCH-AWAITED FIRST DIVISION FOOTBALL GAME TO-MORROW AT CAROLINE HILL BETWEEN EASTERN, SHIELD HOLDERS, AND SING TAO, WHO ARE NOW AT THE TOP OF THE LEAGUE TABLE WITH A LEAD OF ONLY ONE POINT.

The first round game was not played as Eastern, in the first match of the season, were not able to field a team, several of their players being then with Sing Tao and only being transferred later.

Eastern forfeited the points and to-morrow's game has been eagerly awaited by the Chinese football public, particularly the Shanghai section.

#### Bearing On League

The result of this match will have a very important bearing on the League Championship. Both teams have still to meet South China, who are at present on an equal footing with Eastern.

With both teams at full strength the match should be worth watching and the result should be a close one.

Sing Tao have definitely the better defence and Cheong Wing-choy in goal is at present in a class by himself and far ahead of Lau Hin-hon of Eastern. Lee Tin-sang and Hau Yung-sang are a better pair of backs than Ng Ke-cheong and Kong Sing-king. Ng Ke-cheong is, however, a good back and he has a decided asset with his heading, which has often relieved a dangerous situation.

#### Hsu Outstanding Half

Eastern's intermediate-line is slightly better than Sing Tao's. Hsu King-seng the pivot being outstanding.

Eastern have the faster wingers in Hau Ching-to and Chang Yung-sum and these make-up for any deficiency of the inside forwards, when the forward-line is compared with Sing Tao. These wingers may well decide the issue.

Fung King-cheong and Lai Shui-wing are the most dangerous of the Sing Tao forwards, while Kwok Ying-kee, in the centre, will need watching.

Chang Kam-hoi, who only returned to the game last week after a long absence, will be playing, while V. K. Hyui and



C. T. Tao, both formerly of Lido, Shanghai, will be the other forwards.

The above comments are based on the assumption that Sing Tao will field their best team. It is hoped that there is no truth in the rumour that they have been badly hit by injuries and may field a junior team.

#### To-day's Matches

To-day, South China play Royal Scots at Caroline Hill. In the first game Royals won by the only goal scored by Gilroy.

At Boundary Street Kwong Wah are donating the gate receipts of their game against Club to Charity.

This marks the first occasion that a club has donated its League gate receipts to charity.

Kwong Wah, with an entire Chinese team, should beat Club. It may seem strange but Kwong Wah has always done better with their Portuguese players out of the team. The Chinese boys then seem to combine better.

Best game in Second Division should be between Engineers and Navy at Causeway Bay to-morrow.

Owing to Camp several games have been postponed and the Second Division game between Ordinance and Service Corps will now be played at Sookunpoo on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

### WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

#### To-day

First Division  
South China v R. Scots  
(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)  
St. Joseph's v Kowloon  
(St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)  
Kwong Wah v Club  
(Boundary St., 4.00 p.m.)

Second Division  
South China v 30th R.A.  
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)  
Middlesex v Kowloon  
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)  
Kwong Wah v Kitcher  
(Boundary St., 2.30 p.m.)  
Sing Tao v R. Scots  
(Military, 4.00 p.m.)

Third Division  
International v A.R. Force  
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)  
35th R.A. v Signals  
(Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

Shell v 12th R.A.  
(Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)  
Medicals v 20th R.A.  
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)  
36th R.A. v 7th R.A.  
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

#### To-morrow

First Division  
Eastern v Sing Tao  
(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

Second Division  
Engineers v Navy  
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)

Third Division  
Service Corps v 24th R.A.  
(Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)

### SOCIETIES BOWLS MATCH

The annual Lawn Bowls match between the St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies will be played this afternoon at Kowloon Bowling Green Club, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The rinks selected for the two Societies are:

St. George's	St. Andrew's
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W. A. Cornell	W. McLeod
B. D. Evans	A. Hyde-Lay
J. Watson	J. Orem
J. Deakin	J. C. Chambers
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E. V. Searle	H. G. Cooper
D. W. Waterton	D. Munro
G. H. Sherriff	R. Duncan
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H. G. Wallington	W. B. Harris
J. C. Gill	J. Fraser
A. J. Hall	J. C. Fender
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S. Eccleshall	A. MacFarlane
T. Coleman	R. M. Keown
J. F. McGowan	J. Kempton
M. N. Bakker	A. M. Holland
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A. C. Libbie	W. S. Dal
F. Flippance	R. Main
J. G. Meyer	R. G. Craig
F. Goodwin	J. McKelvie
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Reserves  
W. Ward  
R. R. Wood  
R. S. Meadows

Reserves  
J. S. Dinnen  
J. J. Whyte  
J. Russell  
G. S. Alexander  
S. J. Pollock

Reserves are requested to attend. A game is assured.

### SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFeree"

SOME interesting points were brought up at the monthly meeting of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, particularly by Mr. Foster, who gave an interesting talk on Football in the Army.

He deplored the spirit in which some of the matches are played locally and stated that in his years of experience, he had often known the secretary of an Army Club enter the dressing room before the game and give instructions, particularly on the spirit of the game.

He went so far as to say that any instructions as regards their conduct on the field with regards to the referee and his decision were tantamount to an order and were beside the delinquent.

Touching on Army Referees, he said that the governing body, which dealt with everything concerning referees, was the Army Referees Association, which gives every referee in the Army a registration number and he keeps that number no matter in what part of the world he may be serving.

No civilian Association had any power to grade an Army referee in a higher class than his present Army class and Army always have first claim on such referees' services.

Continuing Mr. Foster said that a good Army referee is appreciated in Civil Leagues both at home and abroad. He is, a trained disciplinarian and gives his decision in a workmanlike manner. He is one up on the average civilian referee in that he is trained and is able by his training to keep fit, which enables him to follow the game with the alertness it requires.

Mr. Foster concluded by saying that he had not forgotten advice received years ago from Capt. Spencer when playing for Fullwood Garrison and he thought this advice was worth passing on.

His team was told to play football, to keep the other man on the dirty stuff, to keep clean and not to retaliate under any circumstances.

They were told to remember that there was an official on the field whose duty it was to look after that sort of play. They had to consider the ball and their side. He felt sure that if players followed this advice local football would be better.

Mr. Smith, an old Army referee who officiated at the inter-port game here in 1926 between Shanghai and Hong Kong, asked whether there was anything against a junior Army referee being appointed to a senior game by the Football Association.

It was pointed out that while the Football Association had no authority to promote an Army referee to a higher grade there was nothing to prevent them from giving appointments to whom they liked or thought fit.

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### H.K. LADIES MEETING ST. ANDREW'S

Hong Kong Ladies will entertain St. Andrew's Ladies in a friendly hockey match at Happy Valley this afternoon, while both Y.M.C.A. teams will be in action against Police and St. Andrew's men at King's Park.

The Ladies' game will start at 3 p.m.; the "Y" Seniors and Police at 4.15 p.m., and "Y" Juniors and St. Andrew's at 3 p.m.

Following are the Y.M.C.A. teams:—

1st XI v Police (4.15):— Benwell; Taylor and Yourieff; Saxby, Jordan and Ure; Smith, McGahan, Hitchcock, Morgan and Dunne.

2nd XI v St. Andrew's (3 p.m.):— Killen; Grant and Railton; Smith, Gilchrist and Gorman; Macey, Highlands, Spare, Ireson and Banks.

### TO-DAY'S TWO TOURNAMENT RUGBY GAMES

If Army field the fifteen they announced yesterday, each for "fireworks" as Police are capable of winning.

Club will be given a severe test by Navy and, although I do not expect them to lose, there will be little in it. Club are fortunate in that Carter will not be playing, but they themselves may have to take the field without Charter, who may stand down in favour of D. G. Day, while Jimmy Thomson may have to stand down in favour of T. O. Morgan.

Following is to-day's programme of games:

At the Club, Happy Valley

Club "A" v Navy "A" at 2.45 p.m.

Club v Navy at 4 p.m.

At Sookunpoo

Army v Police at 4 p.m.

NAVY—Morahan; Kennedy, Honeywill, Paul and McGill; O'Riordan and Bowden; Palmer, Watson, Longmuir; Beattie, Taylor; Brown, King and Poole.

CLUB—Thompson; Stewart, Charter, Carruthers and Bosanquet; Alkenhead and Thomson; Heasman, Burford, Macrae; Needham, Gairdner, Kennedy, Taylor and Godfrey.

ARMY—Barclay; Pictou, Willis, Coombes, and McDonald; Hook and Wedderburn; Sutherland, Ford, Bompas; Millar, Edisson; Pinkerton, Duke and Gillam.

Reserves:—Keeble, Foley, Berry and Heath.

NAVY—"A"—P.O. Clough; P.O. Wilson, Cdt. Lambie; A.B. Smith and P.O. Skinner; S/Lt. Smith and A.B. Rees; S/Lt. Eager; S/Lt. Richards; L.A.C. Stockham; P.O. Jones, Cdt. Thornhill; Mid. Murray-Jones; S/Lt. Carey and S/Lt. Sumner.

The behaviour of spectators at League matches also came in for discussion. The meeting felt that referees should ignore the crowd but if it was really necessary, Club officials would always be willing to accept.

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# VOLUNTEER CAMPS INTERFERE WITH SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

By "Grandstand"

DUE TO THE absence of a large number of players who are away on their annual camp at Fanling, only two of the Senior League tilts scheduled will be played off, the Recreio Aces—Filipino Club game being postponed.

The St. Joseph's—Canadian Chinese game, which was originally scheduled for 2.45 p.m., will now start at 1.30 p.m. to be immediately followed by the Hong Kong Baseballers—Chinese Baseballers clash.

## ANOTHER TEST FOR CANADIANS

By "Grandstand"

With the possible exception of the Canadian Chinese-Baby Panthers clash, slated for 12 noon, the games scheduled for the Ladies' League this week, do not promise exciting "fan-fare."

The Canuckettes, although managing to snatch a last-minute victory from the Wahoes last week, will come up against another serious threat in the Pantherettes, should the latter come up to their usual high standard.

Roy Maxwell, to whom the coaching assignment has been handed by manager Cesar Xavier, who is still on a rest cure, has been putting the Panther Kittens through their paces during the week, and confidently hopes to win.

Hurler Lelia Xavier will again

start on the mound, with second string receiver Theresita Botelho behind the batter. First-sacker Celeste Marques, Keystoneer Sarah Kwong, and third sacker Irene "Half-pint" Tavares will guard the bases, with Regina Xavier filling the short stop gap. Heavy sluggers Norma Silva, Hilda Soares and Teresa Marques will be in the garden.

### Canadian's Line-up

For the Canuckettes, Mary Ng will toe the rubber, with regular battery-mate Dot Louie. Infielders will be Rene Yuen, Ullian Khoo, Jean Lee and Alice Mar. Headed by Jean Lee and Ullian Khoo, batting in the third and clean-up slots, the Maple Leafs are the heavier hitters, but the Panthers are faster on the bags, and, when they really go to town, nothing less than a pennant team can stop them.

Johnnie Alvares, Fonseca and Dave Walker, are down to officiate this game.

### Wildcats Should Win

At 3 a.m. the Wildcats meet the Chung Hwa lassies, and the most optimistic Chung Hwa rooter can hardly visualise anything but defeat for their favourite team. As a matter of fact coach Al Lau should be quite satisfied if the score is kept down to a respectable figure!

Nick Beltrao, Charlie Figueiredo and Dave Walker have been selected to umpire this game.

Immediately after this game the Cardinals clash with the Little Flowers. This game should provide the Redbirds an opportunity to fatten their batting averages at the expense of the Florinhas, who have up to date shown nothing but their uniforms!

Lily Silva will be on the hillcock for the Little Flowers, whilst Bobida will start for the Cards, with relief hurler Gladys "Grandma" Hutchinson taking over in the later stages.

Arbitrators will be Nip Lum, Tuffy Chuan and C. S. Chung.

In the opener the Saints should have no difficulty in disposing of the Canucks, in spite of the absence of "Powerhouse" Stan Leonard and "Ozo" Ozorio from the team. Utility Albert Leonard will probably be thrown in to fill the breach in the infield whilst manager "Choppy" Omar has promised relief hurler Charlie Manson a chance on the hillcock as a result of his good work against the U.S.S. Tulsa in a friendly last week.

### Baseball Club Should Win Again

In the other tilt, the Waggonermen should be able to notch up another victory to their five-in-a-row streak, this time at the expense of the Chinese Baseballers.

The Liumen seem rather disorganised this season and the only time their full team has appeared on the diamond during their four games, was when they trounced the Filipinos. Individually the team is quite strong, but somehow, they don't seem to click together.

Maxie Edwards will probably start for the Waggonermen, if available, otherwise, "Screwball" Jones will have to take over mound duties with Joe Morris hindsnatching.

To date, Jones has been rather fortunate, in that no umpire has ruled his pitch illegal, although players as well as spectators have voiced their opinions in no uncertain manner.

Could it be that the Blind Toms do not know what constitutes a legal pitch?

There is no follow through to his pitch, and if one looks closely enough, it will probably be noticed that his right foot leaves the rubber just before the ball leaves his hand. If that's legal, so's counterfeit money.

The Liumen's usual tactics of bunt and run will probably fail them this time, as the Waggoner infield of Heather, Crews, Fitch and Leight is almost fool-proof.

Umpires in charge of this game will be Herbie Quon, Hal Wingless and John Delgado.

## SAPPERS' CHANCE FOR FIRST WIN

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior League, the V.R.C. squad meet Royal Engineers at 11.30 a.m. The Sappers have still to register their first victory, and if they are able to field their full team, there is a possibility of them doing so as it possible the Victorians will be fielding a team of reserves, as most of their regulars are away Volunteering.

Pitsy Barradas will toe the rubber for the Victorians, whilst the others in the infield will probably be Sammy Izatt, Roy Maxwell, David Hutchinson, Charles Huang and Azedo.

Umpires for this game will be Pinky Higgins, Dan Oliver and Fittinghoff.

At 12.45 the Central Britishers take on the 8th R.A. and should be able to clinch the decision without having to go all out.

# University's Chance Of Beating Hong Kong C.C.

## Junior Players In Club Team

## LACAS MUST WIN

By "Grandstand"

On the Marina ground two inter-hong tilts are scheduled. In the opener, the Green Spots take on the Lacas, after which the Shells will meet the Texicans.

The former game should prove quite interesting as the standard of both teams is fairly high. The Lacas are represented by most of the Indian softballers, whilst the Green Spots, in addition to a few players also from the same team, have with them some First Division players, among them being "Powerhouse" Stan Leonard.

Considering that the Lacas dropped a game last week when they were unable to field a full team, another setback would jeopardise their chances for the pennant, and they will be going all out to win.

The Shell-Texaco "battle of the Oilers" should result in a win for the former in view of their convincing display last week, when only two errors were committed. Bimby Ablong will again toe the rubber with Hal Wingless at the receiving end. With the exception of Nat Spence, who is replacing Roy Danenberg at the keystone, the team remains the same.

Umpires will be Lau, Ismail and Hussain.

## K.C.C. & C.S.C.C. Not Affected By Volunteer Camp

By "Adrem"

VOLUNTEER CAMP WILL HAVE A GREAT EFFECT UPON TO-DAY'S CRICKET PROGRAMME AND SO FAR AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED ONLY TWO SENIOR AND THREE JUNIOR MATCHES ARE DOWN FOR DECISION.

Neither Kowloon Cricket Club nor Civil Service are affected at all and, with these teams at full strength, their meeting at the Valley should provide the best cricket of the day.

Club have evidently found some difficulty in raising any sort of a side with No. 1 Machine Gun Company—generally considered the H.K.C.C. unit—at Camp. They will be led by Major Grose and about eight regular members of their second team will fill in the vacancies.

Having regard to the foregoing it can be expected that University, who have done pretty well this season, will give a good account of themselves and I would not be greatly surprised if they win, providing they can dispose of Grose, Lawrence, Booker and Walker for reasonable scores.

I.R.C. should manage to beat Police—who have had a dreadful season to date—at Sookunpoo, while K.C.C. juniors, on their own ground, should not have very much difficulty against Civil Service juniors.

Navy will be visiting Craigen-gower. They are an unknown quantity but I understand that

they have one or two good cricketers available. Craigen-gower are turning out an "A" side and are giving several of their members who do not play regularly a game so it should be a good "friendly" match if nothing else.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

SENIOR	
C.S.C.C.	v. K.C.C.
University	v. H.K.C.C.
JUNIOR	
I.R.C.	v. P.R.C.
K.C.C.	v. C.S.C.C.
C.C.C.	v. Navy

### TEAMS

University 1st XI:—N. C. Sen Gupta, C. N. Matthews, G. Hong Choy, W. S. Gegg, K. Y. Tam, K. S. Oh, T. C. Lo, C. Huang, N. Singh, D. Chelliah and S. Mahmood.

K.C.C. 1st XI:—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, E. F. Fincher, A. Zimmermann, F. R. Zimmermann, F. J. Lay, D. Hung, W. Rapley and E. T. Broadbridge.

C.S.C.C. 1st XI:—J. E. Richardson, K. T. Atwell, F. Baker, T. V. N. Fortescue, B. H. Griffiths, B. C. Hawkins, D. J. Hollidge, D. McLellan, J. Mitchell, A. E. Perry and N. Whitley.

C.C.C. 1st XI:—E. Zimmermann, T. Edgar, E. H. Easall, M. C. Hung, B. R. Iranee, A. K. Ismail, E. A. Loo, O. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, S. R. Solina and G. Souza.

H.K.C.C. 1st XI:—Major D. C. E. Grose (Capt.), N. D. Booker, D. S. Robb, C. D. N. Walker, D. O. Parsons, J. L. C. Pearce, Surg. Lieut. Comdr. W. G. Flinn, Capt. J. Lawrence, H. J. Armstrong, A. K. Mackenzie and C. E. Gahagan.

P.R.C.:—H. J. Baldwin, C. Pope, A. Billingham, J. Lewis, A. Matall, B. G. Baker, W. L. Clarke, J. Atkin, H. Tyler, J. Shephard and H. Danbrowsky.

I.R.C. 2nd XI:—H. T. Barma, F. A. Curran, M. I. Razack, A. R. Suffad, A. Rahmdai, T. Ali, A. el Arculli, A. H. Ismail and D. M. Khan.

K.C.C. 2nd XI:—S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, L. R. Birch, K. M. Baxter, B. D. Lay, R. J. Fenton, J. R. Luke, H. Brokenshire, G. W. Giffen, F. Crabb and J. W. Bertram.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—H. E. Strange, G. Ansalle, H. P. Cunningham, G. Davidson, H. F. Harper, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, G. Stone, A. Watson, M. L. Smith and W. H. Colledge.

## SWANSEA RUGBY CLUB RUNS INTO DIFFICULTIES

How any successful club, and an amateur one at that, could drift into such heavy financial weather as the Swansea Rugby Club has doesn't matter now, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

If the football lamp burns fiercer anywhere than Glasgow on England match day it is at Swansea.

That St. Helens is lost to the Rugby game is unthinkable. One indelible memory of the ground is the riot match of 1921 won by Scotland—the only match, I fancy, when Tommy Vile captained Wales.

A quarter of an hour before the start barriers were broken and thousands raced on to the pitch. The crowd was eventually got back over the touch lines, but there was as much interference with wing play as there was at the Wembley Cup final in 1923.

And the star Scot forward of that day was a man who had been shut up in a Hun prison camp for years—Brigadier-General C. M. Usher, D.S.O.

Another unforgettable Swansea international was on December 1, 1906, when South Africa, after beating Scotland in Maclear's match, defeated Wales by two tries to nil.

That Welsh Rugby was then at its zenith is reflected by the fact that in their team was Teddy Morgan, R. T. Gabe, Dicky Owen, Percy Bush, G. Travers, W. Joseph, Dai Jones, and Arthur Harding, all still at their best.

My information is that there is ample material for first-class Rugby this season in Devon.

I am told they could already fix up good Wales v. Yorkshire and England v. Scotland matches, and that the right people are in touch with officers of military units in this area.

Walter Pearce, three times president of the Rugby Union, was the type of official whose passing would be a loss to the game at any period.

In such times as these it is a particularly heavy blow. Also, he was one of the few Rugby chiefs who appreciated the value of a good Rugby critic to the game. During his presidency he even took the sensational step of



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# FALL OF ARGYROKASTRON

## Whole Of Italian Right Wing Now Weakened

### SWISS PROTEST FOLLOWS TURIN RAID

The Swiss Government is to send a vigorous protest to the British Government regarding "violation of Swiss air space" by British aeroplanes on the night of Dec. 4, according to a statement by the President of the Swiss Confederation to the Federal Council yesterday.—Reuter.

### VICHY-IOUS SENTENCE

CAPTAIN PIERRE VIENNOT, FORMERLY FRENCH UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WAS SENTENCED BY THE MILITARY COURT AT VICHY YESTERDAY TO EIGHT YEARS' IMPRISONMENT, WITH A STAY OF EXECUTION, LOSS OF RANK AND 20 YEARS' LOSS OF CIVIL RIGHTS, FOR ABANDONING HIS POST IN WAR.

Since April, Capt. Viennot had been attached to the French Ministry of Information and, according to the indictment, went to Tours with his staff on June 10, and to Bordeaux on June 15. He wrote to the Ministry of

### Line Giving Way Rapidly In Centre

**THE OCCUPATION of Argyrokastron by the Greeks weakens the whole Italian right wing, as the Greeks are already in possession not only of Santi Quaranta but are very close to the town of Delvino, between Argyrokastron and the coast.**

On the centre front, beyond Premeti, the Greeks are relentlessly pressing the retreating Italians, driving them back through Klessura towards Tepelini.

The Greeks entered Argyrokastron at noon yesterday, according to reports reaching the Yugoslav-Albanian frontier.

About a battalion of Italian troops and much war material are stated to have been captured, including four heavy guns, many mountain guns and machine-guns.

Latest reports indicate the Italians are retreating on the whole northern front while the Greek forces are advancing along the valleys of the Skumbi, Devoli and Osun rivers towards Elbasan and Berat, both important positions.

During the past two days 300 Italian and Albanian soldiers have surrendered to the Yugoslav authorities. They talk of ever-increasing disorganization in the Italian army and the imminent collapse of Italian authority in Albania.—Reuter.

Foreign Affairs seeking instructions but left France on the steamer Massiglia without waiting for a reply.—Reuter.

### PETAİN AND LEOPOLD TO MEET

The possibility of an early meeting between Marshal Petain and King Leopold of Belgium, following the latter's talks with Hitler, was mooted yesterday by the Paris correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "Ya."

The correspondent also suggests that Marshal Petain may also meet Goering at an early date for conversations in which the French Admiral Darlan may take part.

He adds that Versailles is being evacuated by most of the German troops and Marshal Petain may be installed there about the middle of this month.

Supporters of the Vichy Government say he will be delighted with the change but according to the "Ya" correspondent his old friends whisper to the contrary, while the people of Paris believe Marshal Petain "will shut himself up in a sort of Vatican full of spiritual forms and temporal limitations."—Reuter.

### GERMAN TACTICS IN HOLLAND

Between the German invasion of Holland and October 15 about 500 Hollanders, whose names are known, were flung into German prisons.

Official Dutch circles in London stated yesterday it is believed the total number exceeds 2,000.

Seven generals, 19 university professors, 73 school teachers, 10 members of parliament, seven journalists, six police commissioners and a large number of civil servants and administrators, are officially admitted by the Germans to have been arrested.

German excuse for the arrests was that they were reprisals for the "inhuman treatment of German nationals interned in the Netherlands East Indies."

Dutch circles emphatically deny ill-treatment and state the real motive for the arrests was to blackmail the Indies authorities and at the same time to remove persons in Holland who might be troublesome to the invaders.—Reuter.

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